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DALY HALL GROUNDBREAKING
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A Salute to "Institutions"

William "Bill" Smith Hall seems to be more than a campus building. It has become an institution unto itself, a symbol of the intimate liberal learning community that sets Washington College apart from less personal campuses. Within its formerly ivy-covered — now cracked and crumbling — walls, three generations of undergraduates have read Shakespeare, struggled with logic, debated political issues, watched theatrical productions, and hung out with classmates. Because age now threatens "the old man," we offer Jim Landskroener's homage to his glorious past, with hopes that alumni will join the effort to restore him to health. You will be hearing more about that soon.

As Jim mentions in his article, Bill Smith was the former home of another institution, the Washington College Snack Bar. I was surprised to learn that Miss Dee got her start there in 1954. Those must have been the early days of the "West Hall," a sandwich you will still find on the menu down at Sharon's Diner on High Street, where Miss Dee relocated in 1991. During Miss Dee's 37-year reign as Snack Bar Queen, she and daughter Sharon and grandson Cheesedog became beloved members of the Washington College family. As we were going to press, Cheesedog lost his battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. We thought alumni would want to know.

—MDH

In Memoriam
Phillip "Cheesedog" Hurd

Phillip "Cheesedog" Hurd, special friend to an entire generation of Washington College alumni, faculty and staff, died February 3, of cancer, at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. He was 25.

The son of John D. and Sharon D. Hurd and the grandson of Ruth "Miss Dee" Dickerson, Cheesedog grew up between the Snack Bar and the lacrosse field on the Washington College campus. Washington College students gave him the nickname that stuck with him all his life along with a love of lacrosse that would not quit. At the age of five his name appeared on team rosters. He played behind the goal until complaints were lodged that he was not properly or safely attired. Then-President Joseph L. McLain presented Cheesedog with a helmet and shoulder pads and assigned him the position of Ball Boy. He later took the field as a goalie at Kent County High School, Chesapeake College and Anne Arundel Community College. He also played club lacrosse and coached lacrosse for the Kent Youth League.

Director of Athletics Bryan Matthews, who was a goalie for WC during the early '70s, remembered: "Cheesedog was a Washington College institution for everyone who followed lacrosse or ate in the snack bar — and that was nearly everyone back in those days. That little guy played behind me at every game. He was a big part of what made the team special."

Cheesedog was employed by Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, first in the maintenance department and later as an operating room attendant. He then attended insurance school and was employed by Monumental Life Insurance Company. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved deer and waterfowl hunting and sometimes worked as a guide for Quaker Neck Gun Club. He was active in the community and volunteered as an emergency medical technician with the Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad.

A fund established in his memory will enable underprivileged local children to attend Washington College lacrosse camp. Contributions may be made to the Phillip "Cheesedog" Hurd Memorial Lacrosse Scholarship Fund, c/o Mike Hart, Peoples Bank of Kent County, High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620.

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THE REPORTER

College Begins Construction Of Daly Hall

by Kate Meagher '97

The construction of Daly Hall, Washington College's new academic building, is under way. During groundbreaking ceremonies in early December, Louis L. Goldstein '35, Chairman of the Board of Visitors and Governors, and Margo Bailey, Mayor of Chestertown, marked the site by turning the soil with ceremonial golden shovels.

Calling the occasion "an historic day for Washington College," President John S. Toll noted that with work beginning on the new building, the school must now raise funds for the renovation of William Smith Hall, the oldest classroom building on campus.

Goldstein spoke fondly of his years as a student at Washington College, from which he graduated 60 years ago. He added that future alumni will be able to feel the same nostalgia, due in part to facilities like Daly Hall. "This will help ensure that the College will create lifelong memories," he said. He expressed his regret that Kenneth and Dorothy Daly, who provided the lead gift for the project, were not able to attend the groundbreaking ceremony because they recently had been involved in an automobile accident, from which they were recovering.

Dorothy Williams Daly '38 and her husband, Ken, donated $1 million for the construction of the new building. The total estimated cost of Daly Hall is $2.25 million. A portion of the funds needed was provided by a capital grant from the State of Maryland.

The 12,500 square-foot building will stand adjacent to Gibson Performing Arts Center, approximately where a parking lot had been located. It will house four large classrooms, three seminar rooms, and 15 faculty offices. Upon the completion of Daly Hall in January 1997, and assuming sufficient funds have been raised, work will begin on the renovations of Smith Hall.

Todd & Associates, Inc. of Salisbury, MD, are the architects in charge of planning Daly Hall. The contractor is Harper & Sons, Inc. of Queen Anne, MD.

Above: An architect's rendering of Daly Hall. Right: Dorothy Myers '24 gives President John Toll a hand with the groundbreaking as Chestertown Mayor Margo Bailey and others look on.

WC Is Service Site For "Volunteer Maryland!"

Endeavoring to offer its students more service learning opportunities and to supplement classroom learning with hands-on experience, Washington College has entered into a partnership with "Volunteer Maryland!" The first Maryland college to become a service site for the model national service program, Washington College hopes to expand its existing volunteer program, particularly in the area of the environment.

"During the past several years the College has recognized the importance of experiential learning and has been moving in this direction," says Joachim Scholz, Acting Provost and Dean of the College. "Our students are increasingly involved in community outreach efforts such as Target Tutoring, a mentoring program that matches college students with local schoolchildren. Through our preorientation trips and our freshman seminars, we are endeavoring to introduce our students to the Chesapeake Bay region. We see our partnership with Volunteer Maryland! as the next logical step: an opportunity for us to tie volunteer activities more specifically to our curriculum and expand volunteer efforts already in place."

Supported in part by the Americorps National Service program, Volunteer Maryland! trains volunteer coordinators and places them with not-for-profit organizations to help create and expand direct service programs in four areas: education, environment, public safety, and human needs. The organization has hired Erika Wilson, a recent WC graduate, to serve as the on-site coordinator at Washington College, where this year's focus is the environment. With Washington College's proposal for a new major in environmental studies now before the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the emphasis on environmental volunteer efforts could not come at a better time, says Scholz.

Wilson, who completed her degree requirements in December, will be working with Vicky Sawyer, Assistant Director of Student Employment and Community Service, as well as faculty and students, to strengthen the College's volunteer program. Her task is to access and bring into focus volunteer efforts already in place, and to recruit and train student volunteers.

"We'll be meeting with students interested in environmental studies and environmental groups such as Terra Firma to assess their interests and concerns," says Sawyer. "Besides the most immediate need to reexamine how the campus recycles its paper, glass, and metal refuse, there are many opportunities for environmental projects in the Chesapeake Bay region — cleaning up beaches, monitoring water quality of streams, and maintaining trails and facilities in the area state parks."

In recent years, student volunteer efforts have been coordinated through Hands Out, a campus umbrella organization that has spawned several successes — Christmas Basket Drives for the hungry, student volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical technicians, and Target Tutoring. Sawyer notes that student leadership is a key component for the success of these various volunteer programs. Wilson's challenge, she says, is to establish a mechanism for leadership training that will sustain these volunteer efforts from year to year.

Don Munson's students will have new experiential learning opportunities in environmental studies through the College's new partnership with "Volunteer Maryland!" and through an agreement with the State and County permitting student research at Bloomfield Farm.

Students To Conduct Environmental Research At Bloomfield Farm

Washington College has entered into an agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Kent County, and the County's Department of Parks and Recreation, enabling Washington College students to conduct environmental studies at Bloomfield Farm in nearby Kennedyville.

A formal agreement between these bodies gives students access to the state-owned property now known as the Sassafras River Natural Resource Management Area.

Don Munson, the Joseph H. McLain Professor of Environmental Studies and director of the new major in environmental studies at Washington College, said the state's acquisition of the property — 1,000 acres on the Sassafras River — presents a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in field studies in environmental sciences as well as other disciplines, such as history and anthropology.

The property, purchased in December 1994 with Program Open Space funds, is much as it was 100 years ago, with an unparalleled view of the river, fertile farmland, a marsh pond, abundant wildlife, bald eagles' nesting spots, and forested areas. The mission of Program Open Space is to protect

parts of the landscape for public use and conservation efforts. Program Open Space is funded by dedicated transfer tax monies.

Under the management of the Department of Natural Resources, the property is adjacent to the Turner's Creek recreation area. The county is also in partnership with the state, scheduling environmental programming, field trips, and camping outings on the property.

WC Students Bring Leadership Training To High School

In early December, Washington College extended its successful Leadership Development Program to the high school level and hosted 19 of Kent County High School's best and brightest at an Emerging Leaders Seminar.

The leadership seminar, led by college students, explored the topics of time management, decision-making, and team building using group discovery activities.

Matt Distler '96 led a session on team building with a video introduction from the movie *Rudy*. Tara McKee '98 led the group in a hands-on session on time management. Scott Steinmuller '96, the student director of the project, presented a session on goal-setting and decision-making.

According to Dennis Berry, Director of Residential Life and Student Activities, one of the missions of his office is to meet the needs of students in the development of leadership skills that will benefit them the rest of their lives. With this in mind, he developed a comprehensive seminar series to enhance the quality of student involvement and aid in the personal and leadership development of interested college students. An invitation to interested high school students seemed "a natural progression," he said.

"By facilitating the development and awareness of student leadership skills, the Emerging Leaders Seminar is intended to foster personal growth, impact the development of career strategies, and prepare students to assume leadership roles within society now and after the high school experience," says Berry. "Participation in this seminar hopefully will also strengthen the high school's co-curricular activities and organizations."

Art Historian Retires

Dr. Robert J. H. Janson-La Palme, long-time professor of art at Washington College, has retired. In recognition of his 26 years of service to the college and his abiding interest in matters of architectural preservation, Dr. Janson-La Palme has been named professor emeritus.

As chair of the Art Exhibits Committee for 17 years, Janson-La Palme mounted and curated several notable art shows, including those of the paintings and manuscripts of Charles Willson Peale. Other important exhibits included those of Paul Horgan, the Sewell Biggs American Painting Collection, Cave Paintings of Lascaux, Alfred Jacob Miller, and historic maps of the Chesapeake.

"It was a tremendous amount of work to put on six shows a year and security was always an issue because the artwork was valued in the millions," says Janson-La Palme. "I never lost anything over the years except one inexpensive picture frame. With the cooperation of the Baltimore Museum of Art, Walters Art Gallery, and the Smithsonian, I brought a number of historical art shows to Washington College. It always amazed me that the museums didn't seem to mind that I was loading valuable pieces into the back of my station wagon."

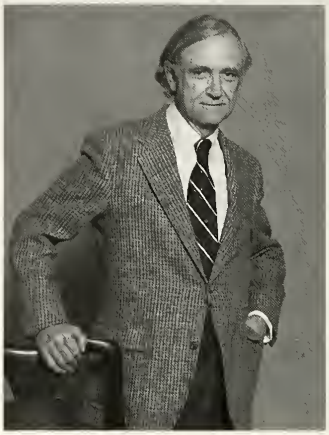

PHOTO: PEGGY FOX

The first full-time art historian at Washington College, Janson-La Palme taught Introduction to Western Art plus specialized courses in European and American art. He also taught courses in masterpieces of Western architecture and the history of printmaking.

"The most satisfying aspect of my career at Washington College was introducing so many students to the study of art. I was dealing with two very different types of students: those interested in the humanities and art history as it relates to other disciplines, and those interested in the creation of art. It was something of a challenge to work with both types of students, because they each had a different point of view. I also was pleased and proud to have served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee for five successive years as the College drew up a campus master plan."

It was Janson-La Palme who encouraged the College administration to hire a full-time studio art instructor, and Janson-La Palme who built up a collection of 10,000 slides of the world's im-

WC Women's League Honors Alumna

During a reception at Hynson-Ringgold House in early December, the Women's League of Washington College honored Ermyn Jewell Heck '24 for more than 70 years of service to the College. Congratulating Mrs. Heck are (left) John S. Toll, President of the College, and (right) Phyllis Thornberg, President of the Women's League. Mrs. Heck is a charter member and past president of the Women's League.

portant artwork.

An architectural preservationist interested in Chestertown's rich colonial history, Janson-La Palme also played an important role in unearthing some early College history. In his quest to find the exact siting of that first college building, he directed two successful archaeological digs of the eighteenth century college building foundation — one in 1981 and another when the Cater walkway was installed in 1989.

Through his research, he also located the earliest known view of the College, a primitive painting on wood known as "View of Chestertown from White House Farm, " and supervised its restoration. With his encouragement, the owners donated the work to Washington College and it is now on permanent display in the foyer of the President's Office in Bunting Hall.

Janson-La Palme is continuing his research for a scholarly article on the first college building, with archival material from the University of Pennsylvania. He compares the structure, one of the largest significant public buildings in existence at the time, to the State House in Annapolis. "Through archeology and the study of architectural design, I'm trying to sum up what the building was like, who were the likely designers, how it was used, and how it relates to other buildings of the era and the evolution of the American college campus."

In retirement, he continues his association with Washington College through service on the executive committee of Friends of Miller Library.

PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

Taylor Becomes First Shorewoman to Score 1,000 Points

Every time tri-captain Eboni Taylor takes to the court, she sets a new school record. A distinction others can only dream of, it is a reality for Taylor. As one of the best players in a program that is only three years old, she is setting the standard by which all Washington College women's basketball players will soon be judged.

On January 14, when Taylor scored her 15th point of the afternoon in a 60-57 upset over Centennial Conference leader Muhlenberg College, she became the first woman in Washington College history to score 1,000 career points. Just one more milestone for the junior, she is on pace to score 1,500 points and pull down 1,000 rebounds for her career. No other player in school history, male or female, has accomplished that rare feat.

"We are very fortunate to have Eboni Taylor here at Washington," commented third-year head coach Laneé Cole. "She was a great student-athlete to land in our first recruiting class along with Allison Wentworth and Lee Ann Lezzer. What she has done in two and a half years is incredible. She is a team leader off the court, and on the court she has few peers. Eboni has proven to be a powerful force in the paint against any opponent we face. She not only excels offensively, but defensively her work ethic and positive attitude directly contribute to the team's success."

Coach Laneé Cole congratulates Eboni Taylor, the first female basketball player in school history to score 1,000 career points.

Taylor's scoring and rebounding averages are in double figures for the first half of the season, and more amazingly, for her career. Taylor has recorded 19.2 points and 11.6 rebounds per game in 1995-96. So far in her career, the junior has scored 1,010 points and recorded 722 rebounds. That's an average of 17.4 points and 12.4 rebounds per game. A second-team All-Centennial selection as a sophomore, she is also among the Centennial leaders in scoring, rebounding, and field goal percentage this season.

Her personal accomplishments continue to accumulate. Already this year she has been named Centennial Conference Player of the Week (November 20), and she also was selected as the Most Valuable Player at the Pepsi-Tip-Off tournament hosted by Marywood College. In three years, Washington has participated in five different in-season tournaments, and Taylor has been named to the all-tournament team every time.

Individual accomplishments aside, what really drives Taylor is her quest to lead the 6-4 Shorewomen to their second consecutive Centennial Conference playoff berth in only the program's third year. "Her accomplishments in the classroom and on the court are a direct result of her desire to succeed," remarked Cole. "What's truly exciting is that Eboni is still improving. The best is yet to come."

Petenbrink '92 Spreads The Word To Save Lives

Troy Petenbrink '92, an AIDS activist with The Names Project Foundation, brought an eight-panel section of the AIDS quilt to Washington College in December. The communications coordinator for the National Association of People with Aids, Petenbrink works to educate people about the disease. He came to WC with the message that students at a small college in a rural setting are not necessarily immune to AIDS. "AIDS is happening in small towns all over the country, just like Chestertown," he said. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reports 13 AIDS cases in Kent County.

Two Washington Coaches Go For Gold

"Life is good." So the popular expression goes, but for Washington College head rowing coach Mike Davenport, it is great and getting even better. Davenport is one of two Washington College coaches who will have the honor to represent their homelands in the 1996 Olympic Games this summer in Atlanta. Davenport will help coach the American rowing team, and assistant men's and women's swimming coach Andre Barbins will help coach the Latvian swim team.

In the next sixth months, Davenport will have his second book about rowing published, guide Washington College in his sixth season as head rowing coach, have his first child with his wife, Tracy, and fulfill his life-long dream of participating in the Olympics. An impossible act to follow, he plans to enjoy every moment.

Davenport will be the Boatman for the United States National Rowing Team which will represent the U.S. in the Olympics. As Boatman, his duties include overseeing all aspects of the team's equipment. More specifically, he is in charge of making sure that all of the equipment arrives safely to training and racing sites, ensuring that all equipment meets the many necessary specifications and standards, and checking for and making any adjustments the boats may need. In effect, he is one of four team managers who preside over all U.S. Rowing Team activities.

Davenport, who came to Washington College in 1990 from SUNY-Albany, began his association with the National Team in 1987 as an assistant coach. His expertise and knowledge of the rigging equipment led to his pro-

Mike Davenport and Andre Barbins are heading for the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Former Philosophy Professor Remembered

by Professor Peter Tapke

Washington College lost one of its most colorful professors of recent decades with the death on December 2, 1995, in Tampa, Florida, of Dr. Robert L. Harder. He was chairman of our Department of Philosophy and Religion from 1958 until 1969. A distinguished teacher — he won the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1967 — Dr. Harder built up the Department from one member to its present strength of four.

Described frequently as "a man for all seasons," Dr. Harder played the organ for Emmanuel Church, conducted the College chorus, built telescopes and harpsichords, coached fencing, and taught sailing. He was one of the best exemplars of President Daniel Gibson's aim of having members of the faculty "unpack their bags" at Washington College.

Bob Harder's goal in teaching was to enliven philosophy to "sink the harpoon" of interest in students. He was known for innovative teaching methods, especially in logic courses. He awarded gold stars for superior work. Logic classes were divided into teams solving problems at the blackboard, and members of a winning team could count on a higher grade.

Bob's special passion in his years here was sailing, which he approached not as a sport but as a science. The curve of his jib had to be exactly right, to gain the most power. The hull of his Hampton was worked over with silver polish for greater speed. His crew had to go out on the trapeze — which, as I know from experience, usually meant a good dunking as the boat tacked.

Dr. Robert L. Harder

Bob's energy and exuberance led some to think that he was an authoritarian in the Department. This was a myth. We all had complete freedom to teach what and how we chose. I valued Bob's personal support in projects. He drove to Philadelphia's Boathouse Row to help me transport the first rowing shell to appear on the Chester River. He carried recording equipment into Washington Cathedral to help with a tune of mine that was later used at Washington College convocations. I cannot forget the two of us, walking up and down the choir of the world's sixth largest cathedral in stocking feet, as the organ was being recorded.

After leaving Washington College in 1969, Dr. Harder taught at the University of Tampa until 1986. In retirement, he organized a fencing salon in Tampa and, typically, took up two new enthusiasms: cooking and painting in watercolor. The paintings won blue ribbons in Florida exhibits. I have a framed Harder watercolor in my office.

I talked with Bob at length in November, upon learning of the death of his wife, Elizabeth, who had died of cancer. Bob told me he also had cancer, but in his usual effervescent way he vowed to "lick it." Happily, Bob and Elizabeth in their last months had the joy of welcoming a first grandchild, Robert Alexander.

motion to Boatman at the Pan American Games held in Havana, Cuba in 1991. His varied experiences with the National Team have taken him all over the world. This past summer he helped the National Team to a best-ever five gold medals at the World Championships in Finland, and at the end of June he plans to travel with the team for an intense training session in Switzerland.

Barbins, in his first year as a graduate assistant at the College, will be an assistant coach for the Latvian National Swimming Team. Although a native of Cleveland, Ohio, both of his parents were born and raised in Latvia before immigrating to the U.S. during World War II. Following a standout career at Ohio Wesleyan University where he was an All-American and team captain, Barbins went to Latvia in the summer of 1992 to try to earn a spot on the Latvian National Team. He succeeded, but decided to return to the U.S. to coach. He returns to Latvia each summer to train with the National Team, and this year he was a bronze medalist in the 200 Freestyle event. This past fall, he was selected to help coach the Latvian National Team and represent the Latvia contingent at the Coaches' Meeting in Atlanta in mid-February.

Davenport also will attend the February 14-20 meetings in Atlanta which serve as an informative preparation for the coaches and delegates.

Davenport's real duties officially start at the end of June when the team goes to Switzerland to train. The team then returns to the U.S. to train in Augusta, Georgia. Augusta is the site of the rowing training center where the team will get accustomed to the heat and humidity of the Georgia climate. Barbins will also train with the Latvian team in Athens, Georgia. From the training sites the two plan to accompany their teams to the Olympic Village in Atlanta. Both coaches are honored to have the privilege to supervise such impressive athletes, and know that their tremendous experience will benefit the student-athletes that they coach in the future.

Coach Davenport says: "Let the Games begin!"

Southeast Asia Beckons Economics Students

Representing the first of what College officials hope will be many opportunities for students to travel abroad as part of their coursework, the economics department is offering a trip to Vietnam this spring. The trip is an optional component of a course on economic development in Southeast Asia.

Raymond F. Turner, a lecturer in economics and business management, is leading the trip. He is a former naval officer and a Vietnam veteran (1969-70) who spent six months in DaNang and six months in Saigon and the Mekong Delta.

This spring, Turner is teaching a special topics course on the developing economies of Southeast Asia, with particular emphasis on Vietnam. Several Southeast Asian countries are experiencing rapid development as they shift from centrally-managed economies to ones driven by market forces, says Turner. The course explores the problems and challenges associated with that transition, identifies major sectors of the Vietnamese economy and the economies of other Southeast Asian nations, and includes discussion of the culture of the region as well as the economic opportunities presented to American businesses and workers.

The travel-study component, from May 24 to June 9, is a 17-day excursion to Vietnam open to community members, alumni and veterans, as well as Washington College students. Stops include Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), DaLat, Nha Trang, DaNang, Hue, and Hanoi.

"I would like to have a heterogeneous group on this trip," says Turner. "Real learning can take place when you see Vietnam through many different prisms. People with business backgrounds and veterans have a lot to offer."

While this trip is Turner's first to Vietnam since the war, the course focuses not on the past, but on the present and future of the country, notes Turner. "Half of the Vietnamese

PHOTO: DIMITRI FOTOS

Grateful Scholars Say Thanks To Beneficial-Hodson Trust

Washington College's Beneficial-Hodson Trust Scholars gathered in early December to say thanks for the Trust's most recent annual gift to the College. Of the $1.4 million awarded this year, nearly $300,000 was earmarked for student financial assistance and the remainder was placed in endowment to support scholarships for minority students and merit scholars. During its 75 years of existence, The Hodson Trust has given more than $20 million to Washington College.

population has been born since the war ended. For them, the war is of historical significance, but it's not something they lived through."

Interestingly enough, he argues, as the Vietnamese people begin to embrace capitalistic ideals, they may become, by choice, what the American government hoped they would become, by force, 25 years ago. As socialism declines, their economy is rapidly shifting to a market-based, profit-motive economy. Capitalism is taking root and blossoming.

"The real growth and investment opportunities of the future are not in this country but south of the border and in Southeast Asia," says Turner. "Vietnam is a country with a tremendous amount of potential as well as great employment opportunities. Forty years from now, in order to be successful, businesspeople almost certainly will need international experience in their backgrounds."

The challenge for foreign investors and entrepreneurs, he says, is to understand not just a different culture, but a different cultural paradigm. "In Asia, religion, cultural norms, and the place of individuals in society are different from those in the West. We tend to take a mechanistic view of society, where the individual is paramount. In Vietnam, the individual seems not as important and the goals of society seem paramount. They fought the war that way, sacrificing thousands of human lives to achieve what we considered too costly a gain. It will be interesting now to witness how they incorporate Western capitalism into their culture."

For more information about the trip to Vietnam, contact Dr. Turner at 410-266-6283. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Absolute deadline is March 15th.

Japanese Professor And George Spilich Collaborate on Traffic Safety Research

by William Denton '98

Maryland's Eastern Shore is not particularly known for its traffic problems, unless it is the height of summer in Ocean City. Nevertheless, a Japanese professor of education and psychology picked Washington College as the ideal spot to further his research in the field of traffic safety.

Dr. Ota enjoys steamed crabs during his stay in Chestertown.

Dr. Hiro Ota, a professor at Tohoku Institute in Sendai, Japan, came to collaborate with Dr. George Spilich, Chair of the Department of Psychology. Spilich has been investigating the cognitive effects of smoking for the past several years, including its effect on driving ability. Through his research Spilich has determined that drivers who smoke are more likely to be involved in collisions because their higher-level cognitive functions — such as reaction time and quick decision-making — are diminished.

When Ota previously visited Washington College three years ago to consult with Spilich about his research on smoking and traffic safety, he wanted to return for a more extensive field research experience.

"The most important thing for drivers' safety is the ability to perceive risks," said Ota. Thus, the research he and Spilich conducted focused on "what kinds of risky behavior occur as a result of smoking. Statistical studies about traffic accidents have given us the information that the rate of accidents is much higher for smokers compared with non-smokers," Ota said.

According to Ota, although the public — both in America and in Japan — is well aware of the effects of smoking on a person's health, most people are not aware of its adverse effects on cognitive abilities, including driving. "Gradually, the bad effect of smoking [on driving] has been understood," said Ota. "People thought [smoking] was good because it makes you relax and it's good for fatigue, but that's not true."

Ota stated that researchers in Japan have yet to study the effect of smoking on drivers, despite Japan's high smoking rate. The effects are little known in America as well, so Ota expects the information produced by this "international comparison study" to be beneficial to both nations.

Ota's interest in traffic psychology and driving risk perception have also led him to investigate the problems of risk perception with novice and elderly drivers. He is interested in developing training methods to better perceive risks posed by those drivers and investigated the subject in America while at Washington College.

Ota and Spilich are planning to publish the results of their research here and in Japan.

Matt Rose Leads Tennis Program

Washington College has named Matt Rose as new head coach of its nationally ranked tennis program. Rose is relieving Eric Seltenrich who took over as interim coach after J.P. Weber's departure in October. Seltenrich will resume his role as assistant coach.

A 1991 graduate of Rollins College, Rose was a standout performer for the Tars' national power tennis team. A two-year team captain, Rose helped lead Rollins to an NCAA Division II championship. He was consistently ranked among the top players in Division II tennis, and in 1990 was ranked as high as No. 9 on the USTA National Amateur Circuit.

Rose has an extensive and varied tennis background. After a two-year stint as an assistant coach at Rollins where he earned a master's degree in education, Rose began working at the University Club in Memphis, Tennessee. There he served as the director of junior tennis development and assistant for all tennis operations from 1991-95. For the past year he has been the director of tennis operations at the TOPS'L Beach and Racquet Club in Destin, Florida. Rose has also served

as a staff member for the USTA Area Training Center and worked at numerous camps and clinics all over the southeast.

"Matt Rose brings valuable coaching experience on the collegiate level, and he will be instrumental in the development of the Washington tennis program," says Bryan Matthews, Director of Athletics. "Under Matt's direction we expect to continue the rich tradition of success that Washington has achieved. In addition, he gives our staff another enthusiastic recruiter to help us attract more quality student-athletes to Washington College."

In 1994 the Shoremen won the NCAA Division III national championship, and the College has produced Division III men's individual champions each of the past two years.

Culpeper Foundation Awards $156,500 For Multi-Media Technology

The Charles E. Culpeper Foundation of Stamford, Connecticut, has awarded to Washington College a grant of $156,500 to integrate multimedia technology across the curriculum. The grant will support the purchase of equipment, including six Macintosh PowerBook workstations with CD-ROM, laser disks and video technology for Miller library and three portable multi-media workstations for classroom use, as well as educational software and training costs. The grant also provides for the hiring of a computer technologist who can help faculty navigate the Internet and custom-design academic software and computer web sites for their courses.

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"I am delighted that the Culpeper Foundation has endorsed our efforts to enhance our students' learning in this way," said President John S. Toll. "More and more, academic achievement hinges upon the student's ability to access and to evaluate information, rather than merely to master the facts related to a discipline. This support from the Culpeper Foundation will enable our students to meet the demands of a changing curriculum that challenges them to master the techniques of inquiry."

As part of the curricular reform underway, Washington College is introducing a new freshman and sophomore general education sequence known as Community, Nation & World, or CNW Seminars. The seminars are designed to give students an array of opportunities for academic investigation and interactive learning in the arts and sciences. By completing the required four seminars in the first two years, students make ever-broadening circles of contacts, starting within the context of Chestertown and the Chesapeake region, and reaching out to the world.

In addition to the experiential component, CNW seminars include competency components in writing, research methods, and the use of the computer as a tool both for writing and information gathering. Within the context of each seminar, students are introduced to the college library and its computerized resources, as well as the Internet, which is accessible from any dormitory room or computer workstation on campus.

Madeline Howell: 40 Years of Dean Duty

Academic deans may come and go, but there remains one constant in Bunting Hall. At the College's annual holiday party, Madeline Howell was recognized for 40 years of service as secretary to the Dean. She has outlasted 19 deans and served under six presidents. She was recognized for her levity and longevity.

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Moag Brings NFL Back To Baltimore

by William Denton '98

The completed pass of the National Football League's Browns from Cleveland to Baltimore, eleven years after the Baltimore Colts left town, was thrown by a Washington College alumnus and trustee, John Moag '77.

Moag, 41, chairman of Maryland's Stadium Authority and a partner in the law firm Patton, Boggs & Blow, worked behind the scenes for several months with Maryland Governor Parris Glendening to devise a plan to move an NFL franchise to Baltimore. Previous efforts had failed, and state authorities gave themselves until the end of the year to finally make it happen. With many trips between Cleveland and Baltimore, Moag was able to make the deal between the State of Maryland and the Browns. Soon after an agreement was reached, news of it began to leak, and in early November both sides were forced to break the story early.

In the aftermath of the announcement, residents of Cleveland, led by Mayor Michael White, have protested the move. Regardless of the opposition, it is likely the move will occur within the next two years — the Browns have signed a lease to move to Baltimore.

Moag has served on Washington College's Board of Visitors and Governors since 1989.

What Happened To George Washington's Teeth?

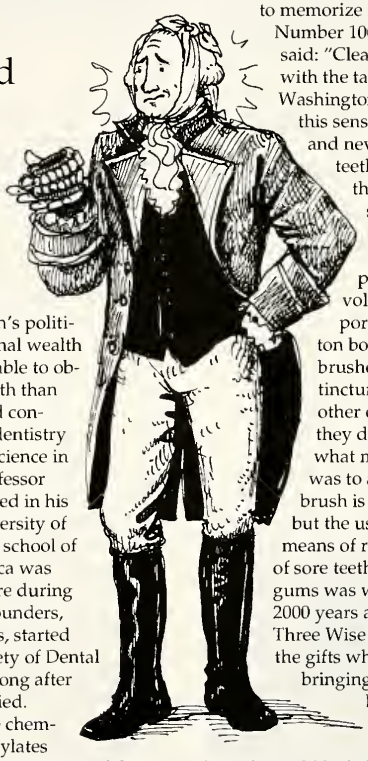
by P.J. Wingate '33

According to historian Stephan Lorant, when George Washington finished his first term as President he wanted to retire to Mt. Vernon, offering as reasons the fact that he suffered from "a wandering memory, poor hearing and painful dentures." Fortunately, those who knew him best talked him into accepting a second term and dismissed his comments about a wandering memory and poor hearing as just another example of his famous modesty.

The painful dentures were another matter. There is an overwhelming amount of evidence in the record that the man who could not tell a lie spoke the simple truth about his dentures. They were painful. Parson Weems and a few other early biographers of Washington, all of whom idolized him, could not bring themselves to admit he had any defects at all, but recent and more scholarly biographers have been less worshipful. For example, James Flexner's massive four volume biography of the great Virginian covers his tooth problems in some detail, and page 207 of the third volume shows three pictures of Washington's famous lower plate carved by John Greenwood from hippopotamus ivory and set with eight human teeth. An even more famous set of false teeth for Washington was the spring-loaded arrangement which he was reported to be wearing when he posed for the portrait which has appeared on billions of one dollar bills. The Father of his Country appears to have a mouth full of something, and those spring-loaded teeth, which look more like the teeth of a horse than human teeth, certainly were a mouthful.

As Flexner points out, all of Washington's false teeth were unsatisfactory for one reason or another and he kept on looking for improvements during the last fifteen years of his life. One set was reported to have the lower plate weighted down by half a pound of lead to hold it in position, but Washington rejected it, not because he was afraid of lead poisoning but because the lead was heavier and even less effective than the spring loaded dentures. Still another set was carved out of "a hard wood," but even so it grew soft during use and turned dark in color. When Washington complained in writing about the color, the hard-hearted dentist replied that it appeared to him that the teeth had been exposed to too much port wine. As Flexner noted, "Washington's search for dentures remained forever unsatisfactory."

Those inclined to believe that a man of Washington's political rank and personal wealth should have been able to obtain better false teeth than he ever did, should consider the fact that dentistry was a very crude science in those days. As Professor George Calcott noted in his history of the University of Maryland, the first school of dentistry in America was opened in Baltimore during the 1830s and its founders, Hayden and Harris, started the American Society of Dental Surgeons in 1840, long after Washington had died. And, of course, the chemistry of the polyacrylates and other polymers now so useful in making dental plates was over a hundred years in the future when dentistry started to become a science. True enough, Paul Revere, the famous horseback rider, was a skilled silversmith who also made silver dentures, but he never made any for the hero of Yorktown.



Washington's tooth troubles began at an early age. According to Flexner, it all started in 1757 when Washington was only 25 years old; he had a sore tooth and the problem was solved by extracting it. Thereafter, with depressing regularity, Washington noted in his diary that he was "indisposed with an aching tooth and inflamed gums." And the customary solution was extraction, with the result that by his second term as President, all of his teeth had been removed.

It has been playfully suggested that Washington's tooth troubles really had their beginning with 110 maxims called "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company" which he had to memorize in grade school. Number 100 of these rules said: "Cleanse not your teeth with the tablecloth," but Washington may have carried this sensible rule too far and never cleaned his teeth at all. However, the record does not support this speculation.

In a note on page 192 of his third volume, Flexner reported that "Washington bought sponge toothbrushes by the dozen, tincture of myrrh and other dentifrices, but they did little good." Just what merit, if any, there was to a sponge toothbrush is uncertain today, but the use of myrrh as a means of reducing the pain of sore teeth and inflamed gums was well known nearly 2000 years ago when the Three Wise Men included it in the gifts which they came bringing to the Baby Jesus. Balthazar, perhaps the wisest of the three, thought his gift would be helpful to the Child when He began to cut His first teeth. Balthazar's myrrh came from Somalia, but it is unlikely that Washington's supply came from that distant land. Instead it probably came from the pine rosins obtained from the sap of loblolly pines which grew so plentifully in the Virginia tidelands. There Washington's neighbors had been using it for years to reduce the pain of

aching teeth and gums, although it would be several centuries before chemists learned enough chemistry to show that the terpenes in the sap of pine trees and in the evergreens of Somalia were very similar, so the rosins from both had similar analgesic properties.

It was nearly a hundred years after Washington died before dentists began to recommend carbolic acid (phenol) as a pain killer.

Thus Washington did the best he could to relieve his dental pains back in a time before even such early anesthetic gases as nitrous oxide, chloroform and diethyl ether had been found to be a boon to both dentists and their patients. Fluothane, a distinct improvement over the early anesthetics, was not invented by Dr. Charles Suckling until more than a century after Washington died.

Dr. Suckling, director of research for the ICI Corporation in England, was one of the many distinguished visitors who came to Chestertown in 1982 to help Washington College celebrate the 200th anniversary of its founding and George Washington's 250th birthday. Included among the many distinguished visitors that year were Sir Fraser Noble, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, an institution so old and venerable that it outranked Harvard by 42 years; two Nobel prize winners in chemistry, Dr. Paul Flory and Dr. Herbert Brown; the executive officer of the American Philosophical Society, Dr. Whitfield Bell; the Governor of Maryland, the Hon. Harry R. Hughes; the Swedish Ambassador to the United States, Count Wilhelm von Wachmeister; and many others. They all helped make 1982 an exciting year at Washington College.

However, according to Dr. Peter Tapke, co-chairman of the general committee for the year-long celebration, the event which probably would have created more interest and excitement than any other never occurred. This event was the scheduled exhibition of the spring loaded false teeth of George Washington, and it was canceled when someone stole the upper half of the set, then on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. These famous false teeth were the property of the University of Maryland School of Dental Studies and when half of the set disappeared, the Dean of the school decided to cancel all further displays until some later date.

What effect did Washington's painful dentures have upon his character and behavior, and how did they alter the course of history?

That date has now been set for April 1996, and Washington's most famous false teeth, along with three other sets, will be displayed in the University of Maryland's new Dental Museum at 31 South Greene Street in Baltimore.

All this answers the question asked in the headline of this story. Washington's natural teeth, so far as anyone knows, are all scattered and gone with the wind, but his false teeth have become museum pieces.

Still unanswered are other questions which psychologists and historians may wish to explore. What effect did Washington's painful dentures have upon his character and behavior, and how did they alter the course of history? Thomas Jefferson was an admirer of Washington but said he had a somewhat gloomy nature. The author of the Declaration of Independence might have been less cheerful himself if he had suffered equally with his teeth and gums. Also, would the Father of his Country have been more talkative if he had not been concerned that any word uttered in haste might cause his spring loaded teeth to spring out of his mouth? Scholars should spit on their hands and confect an answer to these questions as soon as possible.

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Shakespeare himself said in *Much Ado About Nothing*: "For there was never yet a philosopher that could endure the toothache patiently." And George Bernard Shaw said in his *Maxims For Revolution*: "The man with the toothache thinks everyone happy whose teeth are sound."

As for the rest of us, we should all be happy that Washington did serve that second term, and before he retired left the young nation his magnificent Farewell Address so loaded with good advice. But it also was another example of his famous modesty because, near the end of it he wrote: "Though in reviewing the incidents of my administration I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors — whatever they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence and that, after forty-five years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion, as myself must soon be to the mansions of rest."

With the cares of office behind him and no more worries about aching teeth, since all of them had been extracted, it is clear that the Father of his Country was in an optimistic mood for both the short and long range future.

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Hats Off To The Grand Old Man Of Campus, William Smith Hall

by James G. Landskroener M'90

To the majority of students who pass their four years at Washington College, or any college for that matter, and then move on never to return, memories of the campus remain untouched. Mental images of the buildings, the dorm rooms, cafeteria and classrooms are permanent and fixed, as familiar as the house in which one grows up.

But those of us who are long-time residents of Chestertown cannot help but be fascinated by the changing physical nature of the campus. For years, the impressive collection of buildings between Washington Avenue and the railroad tracks will lie quietly, taking on the air of a well-tenured professor comfortably tilted back in his leather office chair, half dozing, half musing over some arcane academic postulate. Then, like a paroxysm of unclad undergraduates racing across campus on May Day, the ground will shake, dozers will bull, and steel, brick and limestone will be transformed into edificial grandeur.

And as the current theory of evolution holds, this growth does not come gradually, but in cataclysmic spurts. Every few decades, the time is ripe, the money is there and shazam! the construction genie is let loose. In the five years between 1936 and 1940 three new buildings appeared — Hodson Hall, Bunting Library and the Dunning Science Building. Between 1950 and 1956, Somerset House was opened then only a few years later expanded; Minta Martin Hall and a new gymnasium appeared. With the years from 1967 to 1971 came Gibson Fine Arts Center, the Miller Library and the Cain Athletic Center.

Most recently, we have seen the birth of the Casey Academic Resources Center and the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center. Soon, Daly Hall will sit on the very spot where I was once pulled over by one of Chestertown's finest for going just a wee bit too fast down the dearly departed College Avenue.

Through it all, one grand old man of a building has stood as the college's centerpiece. Built almost ninety years ago, burned to a cinder nine years later and built again, only the statue of George Washington can compete with it as the college's most recognizable symbol. So familiar is the building to all who know it, a starchy last-name-only is too stiff and formal. Refer to it as Smith Hall and most people would stop a moment, retrieve their bearings, and then suspect that the speaker is a real dork. No sir, it's Bill Smith, like the guy down the hall, or your first boyfriend, or my great-uncle.

Unfortunately, though, the grand old man is not doing so well these days. All around him ground is broken and new kids spring up, their brick and marble freshly scrubbed and dedicated with great ceremony. Their

William Smith Hall, no longer ivy-covered, was still the focal point of campus in the early 1960s.

modern designs or neo-colonial chic pose with architectural attitude. Meanwhile, dear old Bill Smith sits quietly absorbing the blows of time, weathering, and a relentless patchwork of new partitions and yet another coat of paint. As if the signs of age needed to be made more obvious, only last spring part of the expansive cornice over the front entrance came loose. Maybe the old boy felt that the only way to get attention was trying to hit someone over the head.

But it wasn't always so. When the building was dedicated in June of 1907, it must have been the most impressive structure in the adjoining counties and all of Delaware. It was built at a cost of over $65,000. One doesn't need the math to know what an enormous sum that must have been in 1907; but no doubt it was worth every penny. It was a masterful building. Pictures of the campus in those days lead one to believe that there was no college before Bill Smith. In every photograph of that era, it commands the campus. East, West and Middle Halls seem to cower on the knoll behind their row of trees. Then, disaster.

Fred W. (Dutch) Dumschott, writing in his book *Washington College*, described the scene:

"Shortly after midnight on January 16, 1916, Bill Wallace, president of the sophomore class, looked out of his dormitory window and saw flames shooting out of William Smith Hall. He immediately aroused the students and faculty, and an alarm was sent to the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company. The fire had started in a coal pile stored in the basement of the building, and from there the flames had spread rapidly, engulfing the entire building... the cause was hopeless. As a strong wind was blowing that night, thus increasing the intensity of the flames, the firemen directed their attention to protecting the new [Cain] gymnasium, which was situated only a short distance from the inferno...Within a few hours, the building was a complete loss."

In January of 1827, the entire college had been destroyed by fire and for the seventeen years that followed, the campus existed in name only. Classes were held in rented houses in Chestertown until a new building was ready 1844. By contrast, the effort to rebuild Bill Smith began almost immediately. Contracts were signed in October of 1916, and the resurrected structure was ready less than two years after it had been reduced to blackened rubble.

The new building was essentially identical to the original except for one important addition—a huge octagonal cupola was added to the roof. Imagine, without that fire on a snowy January night, the college's most recognizable and reproduced facade would have been forever missing its top hat!

For the next twenty years, Bill Smith accommodated every campus function except for gymnasium and dining hall. Aside from classrooms and teachers' offices, it housed the library, offices of the President, Registrar, Dean and other administrative and business functions, student mailboxes, snack bar and bookstore. With weekly convocations in the stained glass theater, it must have even seemed at times to be a substitute for church.

Charles B. "Charlie" Clark '34 has fond memories of the building in which he took classes in the thirties

Clockwise from top left: Bill Smith's Norman James Theater was the venue for Faculty Stunt Night where, in 1959, Drs. Taber, Knipp, Horsley, and Dean Hall performed. Bill Smith was the backdrop for a campus snow scene in the mid 1950s; Bill Smith was festooned for FDR's visit in 1933. Professor Nate Smith (shown here in the 1960s) has taught in Bill Smith's classrooms for forty years.

and later taught classes as a professor of history and political science from 1946 to 1956.

He recalls that even in those years of the Depression, "the spirit on the campus was good." In his freshman year, he and a handful of fellow classmates thought they might add fuel to the fire of a rivalry between the freshmen and sophomores. They fashioned a dummy representing the sophomore class and decided to hang it in effigy from the roof of Bill Smith. The group was aided by one Fritz Reinhold, who, like all chemistry majors at that time, was a denizen of the third floor and thereby privy to the location of the only exit out onto the roof. Though many can boast of having climbed the late water tower, Charlie Clark and his comrades must be in rare company when it comes to standing on Bill Smith's slate shoulders.

In fact, those years in the early thirties must have been exciting for the college and Chestertown. In 1932, the college held a dual celebration to mark its 150th anniversary and the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Graduation activities began that May with a colonial ball held in Cain gymnasium — probably the precursor of the annual Birthday Ball. The celebration ended in Bill Smith's theater with scenes from "Gustavus Vasa," reportedly performed for Washington himself when he visited the college in 1784.

The following fall, the inauguration

of Dr. Gilbert W. Mead as President of the College also included the conferring of an honorary degree on President Franklin Roosevelt. Of that event, Dutch Dumschott noted that "the *Chestertown Transcript*, in its issue of October 28, 1933, wrote in bold type: 'Fifteen Thousand Attend Inaugural Ceremony at Washington College,' adding that this was the largest aggregation of people ever to assemble in Chestertown."

Even with the addition to the campus of Bunting Library and Dunning Science Building in the early forties, Bill Smith's reign as the epicenter of the college continued. With the exit of the college's library to more spacious quarters next door, the building continued to fill important student functions. Emily Dryden Russell '56 remembers Bill Smith as the "campus center." The snack bar was famous for its fried egg sandwiches and its marathon bridge games. Administrative mandates still originated from the first floor. Student attendance at the theater for speakers, music programs and plays was almost as important as attendance to class.

Unfortunately, the college's physical growth in the early seventies provided the beginning of Bill Smith's long, slow decline. After Miller Library was built, the administrative seats of power were moved over to Bunting. With the departure of the President's office, the building must have lost more than a little of its dignity.

When Gibson Fine Arts and Tawes Theatre were completed, Bill Smith's little stage must have seemed anachronistic. In fact, what has happened to the Norman James Theatre, as it is now called, typifies the decline of Bill Smith as a whole.

The theater has wonderful acoustics; some still believe it to be far superior to Tawes. But the balcony sticks so far out into the theater that the sound from the stage becomes muffled before reaching the several rows of seats beneath it. The college has a great film series each semester, but for years, every movie was either out of focus or could not be heard, or both. An enlarged projection room was later plopped in the back of the balcony, and in doing so, the carpenters covered up an important junction box to the theater's stage lighting controls. The sound system still isn't right. The motorized projection screen that comes scrolling down beneath the procenium arch sometimes won't retract.

I work with community theater in Chestertown and Norman James is our home. We love the old theater the way one loves a crotchety old uncle. There are two small square holes in the stage floor that are covered by plywood and duct tape. Heating or cooling the theater is a nightmare. The air conditioners are so loud that it is tempting to turn them off even in sweltering heat in order to hear what is happening onstage. We were once performing over a Christmas weekend and had to move the audience at intermission to the balcony because the heat was never turned on. It seems at times that the little theater, and the building itself, is a forgotten place.

Bill Smith's familiar "top hat" will be preserved in the upcoming renovation.

But as I'm sure you've guessed, this story has a happy ending. Like its decline, Bill Smith's resurrection may be based on the construction of yet another building.

Construction of Daly Hall, to be located adjacent to Gibson Performing Arts Center and opposite Bill Smith, is now underway. Because it will contain classrooms and academic offices, some of the hodgepodge of functions that have unceremoniously taken root in Bill Smith will be reorganized, if not moved out altogether. According to Reid Raudenbush, Director of the Physical Plant, once the final plans for Daly Hall are set, designs for renovation of Bill Smith will begin to fall into place.

Raudenbush expects a "grand face lift" for the old man. Along with repair to the exterior, much is being planned for the interior as well. The rear entrance to the basement will be excavated to remove the sloping entrance, and the basement hallway will be straightened. An elevator will be installed to give the physically handicapped access to the entire building. Cosmetic, structural and acoustic renovation in the theater, perhaps with an eye on the offending balcony, is planned. Central heating and air conditioning will bring the building out of the 1920s.

To help with this million-dollar effort, the college already has received a $100,000 joint award from the Jacob and Annita France Foundation and the Robert G. and Anne M. Merrick Foundation. The William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund and the George F. Allen Trust each contributed $25,000.

Isn't money a funny thing? In 1916 it took almost $70,000 to rebuild William Smith Hall from the ground up, and eighty years later, it will take an estimated $2.3 million just to make sure he looks his best to greet the new millennium. Top hat and all.

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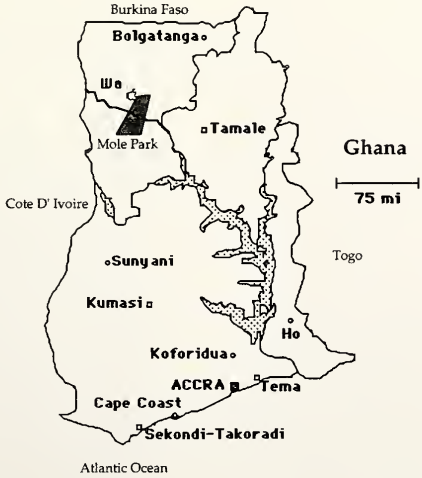
Going, Going, Ghana ... A Trek Across Mole National Park

by Professor Michael Malone

Some might accuse me of having abandoned Hal, but let's put things in perspective. Hal is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Survival School, a track and field coach, and, although a man in his sixties, in perfect health and fitness. Moreover, I left him in the company of an armed game warden. Admittedly, he was suffering from blistered feet and a sore back, but I couldn't change that. What I could do was choose between spending another night eating canned sardines, sleeping on a concrete floor and fighting off mosquitoes, or enjoying a soft bed, a cool shower, a hot meal, and a cold beer. But you be the judge. I'll describe the circumstances fairly and impartially. You decide if I acted selfishly or made the sensible decision.



Among the tourists traveling to Ghana, West Africa, are a handful who come to enjoy Ghana's outdoor recreational amenities. Although these features are not well known to outsiders, Ghana is home to several game parks and to the largest man-made lake in the world. The game parks and the lake afford unique backpacking and boating opportunities.

I first learned about Ghana's largest game park in 1992 when I made a brief visit to Mole National Park (pronounced Moe´-lee). What I found was a game preserve of over 500 square miles located in the Northern Region of Ghana. The park is about 20 miles wide in the south and extends northeast for about 30 miles, gradually narrowing to a width of about 15 miles. The Mole River runs east by southeast across the park and gives the park its name. Mole is home to elephant, hartebeest, antelope, warthog, water buck, water buffalo, leopard, lion, baboon, monkey, crocodile, aardvark, and a variety of bird and smaller reptilian life.

The park lies in a tall grass savanna that covers the northern third of Ghana. During the rainy season—June, July, and August—the park is a luxuriant plain of waist-high moist green grasses shaded by a canopy of leaves growing from the park's dense covering of trees. Water is readily available in rivers and watering holes and there are animals throughout the park. Following the Harmattan, a period of cool but dusty winds that blow in from the Sahara in December, the weather turns hot and dry, the grasses go brown and die back and the rivers and watering holes dry up. The animals concentrate in those areas of the park that continue to afford food and water.

Traditionally, the park has been the hunting grounds for the people in the

villages near the park's borders, but when the government created the park in 1971, it banned hunting and made poaching a crime punishable by fine or imprisonment. The task of enforcing this ban is in the hands of park game wardens stationed at camp sites scattered throughout the park. There are 28 of these camp sites connected by rutted dirt roads.

As part of their duty the park wardens patrol the park area near their site to remove animal traps and to interdict and apprehend poachers. The park warden's work is dangerous and they are occasionally wounded or killed in carrying out their mission of protecting the park animals. Over the years, something of an equilibrium has been reached between the work of the park wardens, the efforts of the poachers, and the park's habitat. The result is an animal preserve that supports a sparse but stable animal population in virtual isolation from most of Ghana and the rest of the world.

Accommodations for the few visitors to the park consist of one small lodge located at park headquarters just inside the southern entrance to the park. The lodge has a dining room, and there are about 25 rooms with private baths for visitors spending the night. During the dry season visitors can move about the park using a four-wheel drive vehicle and, with proper gear, can get about the park on foot any time of the year.

I discovered these facts for myself during my initial visit to Mole National Park in 1992. I found that, without a vehicle or hiking equipment, I could travel only a few kilometers away from the park's headquarters. I remember promising myself that during a future visit to Ghana, I would return to Mole equipped to hike across the park. Last July I kept my promise.

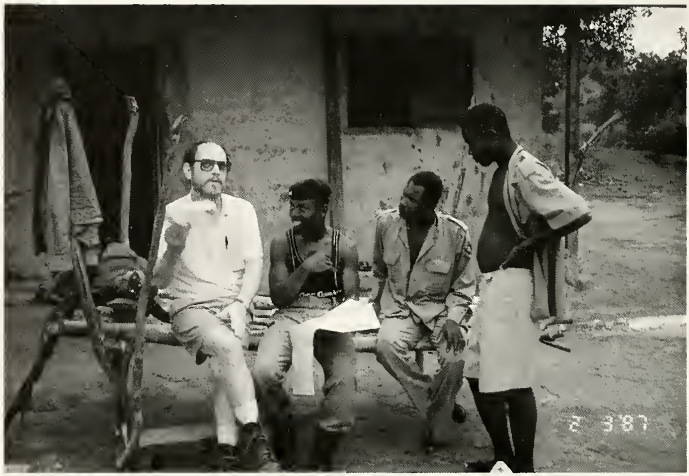
In preparation for the trip, I contacted Hal Werner, a track and field coach I met in Ghana in 1992. I knew Hal would be in Ghana this July, and I told him of my plan to trek across Mole National Park. He was keen to join me, and by the second week in July we found ourselves at the University of Cape Coast planning our trip. Our plan was simple: travel north from Cape Coast to the park, walk across the park from its southern to its northern border, catch a bush taxi into the town of Wa, and bus back to Cape Coast.

We left on the first leg of our journey Tuesday morning traveling north by bus from Cape Coast to Kumasi, and taxied over to the Tamale bus station. There we waited three hours for the bus to fill (African buses do not move until completely full). At 1:00 p.m. our bus pulled out of the park with Hal and I and three other hapless passengers wedged into the rear bench seat of the bus. It's a seven hour trip from Kumasi to Tamale, and a good part of the distance is over potholes and rough roads. We arrived in Tamale after dark, tired, sore, and hungry. Exhausted from the day's travel, we immediately set out to find a place to eat and sleep. Fortunately, we found comfortable quarters at the Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies—an orientation center used by various foreign organizations to familiarize their staff with Ghanaian language and culture.

We slept well and by 6:00 a.m. were boarding the bus that would take us to Mole Park. The first hour of the trip was uneventful, but about an hour outside Damongo, the last town before the final hour of travel to the park entrance, our bus's engine lost power and stopped. While a number of us milled about speculating if the driver and his helper could fix the problem, Hal hailed the only other vehicle in sight and negotiated a ride for the two of us to the park entrance.

We arrived mid-afternoon and arranged to spend the night at the park lodge. The lodge is on the top of a high bluff overlooking the park. Below, on the park floor, is a several acre impoundment of water used by park animals to drink and bathe. Elephants came late in the afternoon and we saw a family of four adult females, two adolescents, and two young elephants bathing and playing in the water.

As Hal had negotiated the ride to the park, the task of negotiating permission from the administration for our walk across the park fell to me. After several failed attempts to find a park officer, I met Farouk Umaru, the park's Senior Game Ranger. Farouk assured me there would be no problem gaining permission to cross the park, but he deferred the decision to Luri Kanton, an Assistant Game Warden and the ranking administrator for the day. For Luri, our request presented many problems. No one had ever asked to hike across the park, so the park had no written policy or established fees for such an undertaking. Luri was also concerned that if anything went wrong he would be held responsible and blamed for having given us permission to cross the park. The discussion and haggling over guidelines and fees governing our journey took most of the afternoon, but by evening I had Luri's reluctant approval for a four-day hike in the park and he had my reluctant commitment to restrict our travel to that part of the park south of the Lovi River.



We also had to agree, at our expense, to take along an armed park warden. On the surface that might seem to make sense, as the park has a few potentially dangerous animals (lions and elephants), but these animals

are comparatively few, they are scattered over the park, and, because of poaching, avoid contact with humans. Compared to the danger from the bears in Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, I would judge Mole Park to be quite safe. As a consequence, our escort was mostly useful in assuaging the warden's concerns for our safety and his job.

We left the next morning and soon discovered the park to be ideal for back-packing. The terrain of the park is gently sloped, vehicle trails link the 28 permanent camp sites and provide good foot trails, and there is an excellent camp and road map of the park. It is not difficult to walk 20 miles a day, and since most camp sites are within 10 or 12 miles of each other, one is never far from the help of park wardens and the relative security of a permanent camp site. Water and fire wood are available at the sites and they contain cleared areas suitable for camping.

We covered the seven miles to the first camp at the Brugbani in two and one-half hours. After a brief visit with the two park wardens at the camp, we set off on the twelve-mile walk north and west to the Lovi camp. Much of the walk was downhill so we initially maintained our morning pace. At the rate we were traveling, I realized we could readily cross the park in three or four days, and I began to consider the possibility of ignoring our agreement with the warden and pushing on north to Wa. Unfortunately, Hal began to develop blisters on the bottom of his feet from unsuitable shoes and abrasions to his back from his over-loaded pack. Soon, we were stopping every half hour or so to allow Hal time to adjust his pack and empty his shoes of small stones. Although our pace dropped off, we still arrived at the Lovi camp before dark, having covered 19 miles.

Opposite: Professor Malone and Issac, his armed game warden, (second from left), recount the day's hiking adventures for two game wardens at Lovi Camp. Above: The next day, according to African custom, the two wardens escort Malone and Isaac on the trail as they set out for Mole River.

Temperatures during the day were pleasant enough, never climbing above the mid-eighties, but the high humidity and lack of a breeze caused us to perspire profusely. This attracted swarms of flies that were always buzzing about us while we were walking. When we stopped, they would land and bite, requiring us to spend our time at rest waving them off. At times they were so dense that Hal and our guide made ear plugs out of toilet tissue to keep the flies from entering their ears.

Occasionally we would spot animals on the trail ahead or in the bush. During our hike we saw hartebeest, antelope, water buffalo, baboon, monkey, crocodile, and a variety of bird life.

There is a guest house at the Lovi Camp and that is where we spent the night. The guest house was a one-room dwelling with a roof and a concrete floor. There were screens on the windows to keep out the mosquitoes and three steel beds without mattresses. Isaac Sarpong, our park escort, borrowed a reed mat from one of the camp residents and covered the wire mesh that was there to support a mattress. I followed Isaac's strategy using my ground cloth. Hal had nothing to place on the bed and so slept directly on the wire mesh. I had a fitful night's rest and I imagined that Hal's rest was even more disturbed. It was a good lesson on the advisability of packing a high density foam sleeping pad. Nevertheless, we awoke reasonably rested and ready to cross the Lovi River and press on north to the Nyanga Camp and the Mole River.

Luri, the Assistant Game Warden, had warned us that because of the rains the Lovi River was prone to flooding and we might not be able to cross. In fact we found that the river was only one or two feet deep and easy to traverse. By 8:30 a.m. we were headed North on the eleven-mile trail to the Nyanga Camp. The uphill trail retarded our progress. Hal's foot and back continued to cause him considerable discomfort and required extra stops. As a result, our pace was considerably slower and we required over five hours to reach Nyanga Camp.

We found the camp deserted of park wardens, but there was fresh water and firewood in the camp. I immediately walked down to the Mole River to determine if we could get across. Just to the west of the camp the river moved slowly and appeared to be about 200 feet across. The banks on each side were steep and muddy and the river, dark brown with silt, looked to have a muddy bottom. To the east of the camp the river narrowed and passed on either side of a small island. Although the water moved swiftly, I judged that we could cross the near side without much difficulty.

I returned to camp to report my findings and to make the case for crossing the river and pressing on to the next camp. Isaac vigorously opposed moving any further north, arguing that even if we left immediately and made it across the river and to the next camp, it was doubtful we could make it out of the park and on to Wa the following day. As a consequence, we would fail to return to park headquarters within the agreed upon four-day period. Luri and Farouk would worry and he would be disciplined for

having disobeyed orders by allowing us to continue North across the park. Hal was predisposed to support my desire to cross the river and walk to the next camp, but his sympathy was clearly with Isaac. In the end our general fatigue, the time of day, and Isaac's pleas determined that we would spend the night at Nyanga Camp and begin the walk back to park headquarters the next morning.

Late in the afternoon, while Isaac and I were resting, Hal revisited the river and waded the near side to gain access to the island dividing the river. He reported that the far side of the river was wider, deeper, and the current more swift than what I found on the near side. It was Hal's opinion that he and I could probably resist the current and wade the far side of the river but he doubted that Isaac, who is short and was lugging a 30-pound rifle in addition to a heavy pack, would be able to make the crossing. Hal's news made me feel better about our decision to return to park headquarters but not better about the night ahead.

Our sleeping accommodations at Nyanga were particularly grim. To keep the mosquitoes at bay, it was necessary to sleep in one of the small rooms at the site and to shut the door and the wood shutters covering the windows. This closed off the outside air leaving us wet with perspiration, lying in the darkness on a concrete floor in a stifling hot room. Cracks around the window and door openings allowed little air to enter the room but didn't stop the mosquitoes. After a few hours of trying to sleep, we agreed to open the windows and door. The decision cooled the room but added to the mosquito population. I slept very little and was ready to head back to the second camp at first light.

We left at 7:30 Saturday morning and, helped by the trail's gentle descent, covered the eleven miles back to Lovi Camp by 10:30. Encouraged by this achievement, I suggested that we carry on to the first camp at Brugbani and, if we felt up to the challenge, continue on to the lodge where a soft bed, cool shower, cold beer, and warm meal would be waiting for us. Hal and Isaac thought this a good plan and, shortly before 11:00, we were all headed east to the first camp at Brugbani. Unfortunately, the hike back to the Brugbani camp proved more difficult. The weather was hot and humid and the terrain mostly uphill. Hal's foot continued to trouble him requiring frequent stops.

After three hours of walking, I was well ahead of Hal and Isaac and moving toward the first camp at Brugbani. Rain clouds had been gathering throughout the day and as I entered the camp around 2:30 a light rain began to fall. Because it was Saturday, the wardens had left the camp to be with their families and had left only one of the dwellings unlocked. Given Hal's sore feet, I was fairly certain that he and Isaac would need to spend the night before walking the final seven miles to park headquarters. If I stayed, we would all be in for another difficult and uncomfortable night.

The author admires the skeletal heads of two hartebeest found at Lovi Camp.

I left Hal and Isaac a note telling them that I was continuing on to the park lodge and that I would try to get one of the wardens at park headquarters to ride out on a motorbike to bring them back. I rested a short while and then set out for the lodge. The last hour of the walk was through a heavy rain that proved bothersome but was no real problem to walking. Unfortunately, the rain changed the road from dirt to mud, ruling out any chance of getting a motorbike through to Hal and Isaac. By 5:00 p.m. I was back at the lodge booking a room for the evening.

Hal and Isaac arrived at the lodge around 10:30 Sunday morning. Both were annoyed that I hadn't waited for them at the Brugbani Camp. Hal argued I should have stayed in case he needed help, and Isaac asserted that I put myself at risk by walking alone. I agreed that they were technically correct, but there was little I could do to help Hal and my experience suggested that the danger in walking alone was insignificant. There was nothing more to be said so we paid Isaac and turned our attention to the trip back to Cape Coast.

Rather than endure the rigors of the return trip by bus, we decided it would be better to travel to Tamale later in the day to catch a Ghana Airlines flight to Accra. As soon as we landed in Accra, we booked on to a bus bound for Cape Coast. By 2:30 p.m. we were back at our campus bungalow. The return trip from Tamale had taken little more than four hours — a pleasant contrast to the 11-hour bus trip we had endured traveling from Cape Coast to Tamale. If we had it to do over, we would have flown up to Tamale as well as back.

On the return trip from Nyanga Camp, I had walked 30 miles back to the lodge. Although a bit of a push at the end, the distance confirmed my judgment that Mole is an easy park for backpacking. The traveler will see animal life along the trails and will not find it difficult to cover 15 or 20 miles a day. In the dry season, one can easily cross the Mole River and visit the more mountainous and rugged terrain found in the northeastern sector of the park. With the addition of a foot bridge across the Mole River, signs to mark the trails, moderate park fees, and user friendly regulations, Mole can become one of Ghana's premier tourist attractions.

Dr. Malone, a professor of economics at Washington College, was a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Cape Coast in 1991-92. He returns annually to engage in professional activities and to enjoy the recreational and cultural life of Ghana. For more detailed information on backpacking in Ghana contact Dr. Malone via e mail at: <Michael.Malone@washcoll.edu>.

ALUMNI REPORTER

Cleaver Steps In As Acting Alumni Director

The co-chair of Washington College's Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter has been tapped to serve as Acting Director of Alumni Affairs. Robert N. Cleaver '58 is filling the post vacated in December by Pat Trams, who is taking a year-long leave of absence. Trams has a book contract with Simon and Schuster to expand upon the story she wrote about her adopted son, Lenox, which was reprinted from *The Washington Post* in the last issue of the *Washington College Magazine*.

An insurance executive with Aetna Life & Casualty in Michigan for many years, Cleaver retired and moved to Chestertown in 1994. He and his wife, E. Ann Hurst Cleaver '57, are charter members of The 1782 Society. In 1995, he and Don Derham served as co-chairs of the Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter. This fall, Cleaver began service on the Washington College Alumni Council. He is an active golfer.

"I look upon this as a wonderful opportunity to give something back to an institution for which I have a great deal of respect and admiration," says Cleaver. "This also brings me full circle — my corporate career began at Washington College via the career placement office. Now, after two years of retirement, I'm ready to get back into the swing of things and do something meaningful for Washington College. I look forward to meeting as many of our alumni as possible so that they can discover, as I have, that the interest and enthusiasm on campus is contagious."

Bermuda Beckons

Alumni are invited to take a five-day educational trip to Bermuda in early May. Instead of the usual resort hotel, visitors will stay at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (pictured). Under the direction of Dr. Donald Munson, Joseph H. McLain Professor of Environmental Studies, participants will visit an off-shore island nature preserve, examine a coral reef, and get a behind-the-scenes look at the Bermuda National History Museum and Aquarium. Morning hours are scheduled; afternoons are leisure time. The cost per person is $375, including room, breakfasts, lunches and receptions. Round trip air fare from Baltimore or Philadelphia is approximately $390. For additional information, room reservations, and travel arrangements, please contact the Washington College Alumni Office at 800-422-1782, ext. 7812 before March 15th.

Three Alumni Nominated To Board

Alumni candidates for the 1996 election to the Board of Visitors and Governors are George L. Buckless, Jr. '69, Thomas W. Heald '70 and Bonnie A. Travieso '66.

George Buckless earned his degree in economics and entered the life insurance business with Lincoln National soon after graduation. In 1972, he helped establish the firm of Breskow, Buckless & Associates, specializing in all forms of business and personal insurance and financial planning. In 1981, Buckless joined the Abramowitz/Morgan Agency as Director of Advance Underwriting, and in March 1984 he was named President of Morgan Financial Group. He was appointed chief executive officer in July, 1995. Buckless has earned various professional certifications and received a master's degree in financial services in 1980. At Washington College, he worked on the Alumni Council and the President's Circle and is now a Visiting Committee member. He is active

in various professional, community, and church-related activities.

Thomas Heald, a first team All-American lacrosse selection in 1970, practices law in Providence, Rhode Island, specializing in construction law. After earning his law degree in 1975 at the University of Richmond, Heald served as a law clerk in the Rhode Island Superior Court and then became an associate with the Providence firm of Abedon and Visconti. In 1985, Heald began his own firm. In addition to his construction law practice, he is

legal counsel of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission. At Washington College, he served on the Visiting Committee and is now on the Board of Directors of the Sho'men Club, and an alumni admissions representative.

Bonnie Abrams Travieso is a partner in the Baltimore law firm of Gallagher, Evelius & Jones. She concentrates her practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration, individual tax planning, charitable giving, and adoption law. Travieso began her law career as a clerk to the Hon. Thomas Hunter Lowe and later worked as an assistant attorney general, in both the civil and criminal divisions. She is a member of several professional and civic organizations, including the National Committee on Planned Giving, the Women's Financial Network, the Baltimore Shakespeare Festival, and the Children's Fund of Associated Catholic Charities. At Washington College, she serves on the Visiting Committee. Married to Michael J. Travieso '66, she is the mother of two sons.

Additional nominations may be made between February 15 and March 15, 1996, by petition of fifty members of the Alumni Association. Petitions should be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Alumni Council. An election ballot will be mailed to all alumni in late March. The two nominees receiving the greatest number of votes for two vacancies will be elected to six-year terms beginning June 1996.

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What IS the Board of Visitors and Governors?

Composed of 36 members and the President of the College, the Board of Visitors and Governors is charged with the overall governance of Washington College. Its membership is divided into three types: Gubernatorial appointees, Board appointees, and Alumni-appointed representatives. Members serve six-year terms. In addition to attendance at four regular meetings per year, responsibilities include:

- Defining the mission of the College;
- Selecting a president;
- Establishing the College budget, setting tuition and fees, and approving College investments, including the College endowment and tax-free revenue bond issues;
- Authorizing capital improvements, expansion, addition, demolition and maintenance;
- Seeking greater resources for College enhancements;
- Reviewing all matters related to faculty, including tenure, and to academic policies and library affairs;
- Approving all honorary degree, award, and medal recipients;
- Serving on various Standing Committees, including those on Academic Affairs, Building and Grounds, Development, Financial Affairs, Honors and Awards, Legal Affairs, Nominations, Student Affairs, and Admissions and Financial Aid.

thursday, may 16

5:00 - 7:00 pm
"Older and Wiser" Reunion Reception
For all alumni who graduated pre-1946.
Hosted by President & Mrs. John S. Toll
Hynson-Ringgold House

friday, may 17

12 Noon
Sho'men Club Golf Outing
Chester River Yacht & Country Club

5:00
Class of 1946 50th Reunion Reception
Hosted by President & Mrs. John S. Toll
Hynson-Ringgold House Garden

5:30
Class of 1951 45th Reunion Reception*
Hosted by Sandy '51 & Katherine Jones

Class of 1956 40th Reunion Reception
Hosted by Ellie Thomas Gale '56
7711 Country Club Lane

Class of 1966 30th Reunion Reception
Hosted by Mike '66 & Bonnie Abrams Travieso '66*

Class of 1971 25th Reunion Reception
Hosted by Marge Vojtek Slama '71*

6:00 - 7:30
Supper for the Class of 1946
Casey Academic Center

All Alumni & Senior Class Sunset Cruises & Riverside Supper
Lelia Hynson Boating Pavilion

8:00
Alumni Association Toast to the Class of 1996

9:00 - Midnight
Party for the Classes of 1995 & 1996
Lelia Hynson Boating Pavilion

saturday, may 18

9:00 - 9:45 am
Alumni Association Buffet Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting
Hynson Lounge

10:00 - 11:00
"Reunion Quarterbacking"
Maryland, Baltimore & professional football are second-guessed by WC Alumni. A panel discussion with John Moag '77, Chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority, Chris Ely '70, WJZ-TV Channel 13 Sportscaster, & others.
Casey Academic Center Forum

11:00
Tour of the Campus for the Class of 1946
Meet on the front steps of Bunting Hall

Noon - 2:00 pm
Reunion Picnicon the Campus Lawn

1:00 - 4:00
Cruises on the Chester River leave from the Public Landing at the foot of High Street on the half hour.

3:00
Chester River Cruise for the Class of 1946
Public Landing, foot of High Street

4:30 - 5:30
"Meeting for the Friends of Bill Wilson"
Faculty Lounge, William Smith Hall

5:00
Cocktail Reception for the Class of 1936
Hosted by Bunny Bowen Rasin
15 Byford Court

5:30 - 7:00
Cocktail reception for the Class of 1946*

6:00 - 7:00
All Alumni-Faculty Cocktail Reception
Hodson Hall Terrace

7:00 - 9:00
All Alumni Reunion Dinner
Hodson Hall

9:00 - Midnight
Starlight Dance
Martha Washington Terrace

sunday, may 19

8:00
Breakfast served in Hodson Hall

9:00 - 9:30
Service of Remembrance
College Boat Dock

10:30
214th Commencement Ceremony

** location to be announced*

CLASS NOTES

'25 Rebecca Brown Owens moved to San Souci, a senior retirement residence in Florida, last September. As one of the principal founders of the Council on Aging (COA), she was a guest of honor on a recent COA fundraising cruise. Owens also was part of a group that went to Washington, DC to lobby congressmen and senators on Medicare. Owens has not slowed down as she is very active in her church, The Council on Aging, Good Samaritans, The University Club, World Affairs at the Cultural Center and politics!

'36 Elizabeth R. Thibodeau is looking forward to her Class's Sixtieth Reunion in May. She reports that the committee hopes to have a really good turn-out.

'37 Fedon G. Nides reports the following: "My wife, Betty, and I had a wonderful reunion with Dr. Brooks Reynolds in Ocean City, MD, in June '95. Brooks was my roommate in 1935 and married us in 1943. He just celebrated his 80th birthday. Madison Bordley '38 also recently celebrated his 80th birthday. It was a beautiful affair and he and Lydia looked great!"

Robert B. White reports on his wonderful great-grandchildren, Beck Doughty, born in June 1992, and Robert Doughty, born in May 1994. Granddaughter, Kimberly White, was married last June to Seth Muraskin and is living in Charlotte, NC.

'38 Bill Doering, although retired from government, was asked to serve on the United States Delegation, headed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to the 75th Congress of the International Wine Office held in Uruguay last November 26 - December 4, 1995. He reports that, in addition to delegate tasks, he tasted 104 different wines, some of them in a post-meeting trip to viticultural regions in Chile.

'39 Clarence L. Kibler and his wife enjoyed a trip to Turkey, thence by beautiful sailing vessel through the Aegean Sea to Athens, Greece in July and August 1995.

Mary B. Moore is still working for Charles County Public Library as the investment manager/bookkeeper. She also is an active volunteer as manager of the snack bar and gift shop at Physicians' Memorial Hospital.

'41 John Selby was inducted into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame on November 11, 1995. He also is a member of the Maryland State Coaches Baseball Hall of Fame and the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Peggy Branham Vandervoort thinks often of the good old days. "Gibby Young, John R. Stack, does anyone know where Iggy Benham is? And remember when the guys in Middle Hall kidnapped the champagne salesman and kept him in their rooms until he had relieved himself of all his samples? I am busy, happy and I have a great job!"

'42 Robert E. Carter is working part-time and is ready for full retirement but claims he is "too busy to plan it!" He is still traveling in the US and is hoping to do a "more-than-acceptable" job as class agent.

Henry Maguire is enjoying retirement. He volunteers at St. Vincent DePaul Medical Center and at a local Indian reservation.

'47 Pat Bacon Gressitt '47 and Tillman Johnson Gressitt '49 report that Til has spent the past six years restoring a derelict 26 foot sailboat ... launching in '96?? He retired in 1989 from AT&T. Pat retired in '92 (for about an hour) from the public school system and returned as a social worker to a private school for "exceptional" students.

'48 R. Reece Corey and Jane A. Corey '51 report that Reece retired in June 1994 as Professor of Biology at the US Naval Academy. He was awarded Professor Emeritus in June 1995. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at Washington College.

Billie Grieb reports that after teaching for 17 years at Chesapeake College she is now a potter and organic vegetable grower.

'50 John (Jack) Shoemaker recently observed his 40th year as ordained priest of the Episcopal Church. He spent 37 years as a school chaplain in various private schools in NH, MA, DC, FL, NC and HI. He is in his second years as chaplain of Mid-Pacific Institute in Honolulu. He is looking forward to "real" retirement (golf, poetry, travel, working on the home and land) in Salem, OR, next fall.

'51 Alexander G. Jones, President of the Alumni Association in 1966, is now in his 30th year as a member of the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors. He is a charter member of The 1782 Society and is retired after 30 years as a country lawyer (9/30/86) in Princess Anne, Maryland. He moved to Chestertown with Catherine, his wife of over 43 years. Two of their four children are Washington College graduates: Kathleen '77 and Patrick '84.

'52 Rolph Townshend retired from Westinghouse after 39 years. He is living in Severna Park, MD, with his wife, Joan. He sails in the summers and skis in the winters. He also works as a volunteer at the U.S. Naval Academy maintaining their ship model collection.

James R. Trader retired in June 1994 after 40 years of public service with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He continues his research on the Trader family members for future publication. He is President of the Maryland Coalition to Protect Burial Sites, Inc.

'53 Herbert C. Brown is retired and living on the southwest coast of Florida with his wife, Pat.

'56 John (Jack) K. Daniel has taken early retirement and is doing hotel consulting, speaking at conventions and teaching Hotel Management part time at a local college in Maryland.

'57 Myra Bonhage-Hale took early retirement from her position as Director of

At the 9th annual Baltimore Alumni Chapter Oyster/Bull Roast, Brooke Frank '92 and Kevin "Sparky" Kelly '91, co-presidents, count the profits from the "Wheels of Chance." Proceeds from the Bull Roast benefit the Baltimore Chapter's Scholarship Fund.

Psych Rehab at Weston Hospital to work full time at La Paix Farm, her certified organic herb and produce farm, featured cover story in *WV Magazine* May 1995.

'58 Chester C. Babat, M.D. is spending more time in Switzerland in his chalet. His wife is a successful artist selling in Europe where she maintains one of her studios.

'59 William H. Coleman was promoted to Full Professor at the University of Hartford. He is in the Department of Biology.

Charles F. Downs participated in an international Habitat for Humanity project in Piracicaba, Brazil, and toured Rio de Janeiro last March. In August he joined a team of Virginia Southern Baptists for the International Baptist Theological Seminars in Prague, Czech Republic and later toured Amsterdam. In November he married Mary Alice Coleman of Waynesboro, PA, and the two honeymooned in Aruba.

Robert Emory was awarded fellowships in the American College of Dentists at the ACD's 75th anniversary annual meeting in Las Vegas last October.

Jim Scott sends the message, "Hope to see you all May 1996!"

'61 Robert D. Cheel is starting his 5th year in Residential Sales with Caldwell Banker, specializing in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties and Baltimore City.

'62 Holly Burke reports, " My daughter, Sarah, graduated from Colby College in June and MOVED BACK HOME! She does have a job, so it's okay. Samantha, Sarah's twin, is studying marine biology at Roger Williams University in RI. I am still Director of Human Resources for Guest Services, Inc. Life is good!"

Charles E Lauson, Jr. reports that his son, Charlie is a sophomore business major at the University of Delaware. His daughter, Jennie ("the squirt"), will be a science major, preparing for a career in sports medicine.

'63 Katherine "Kitty" Yoder Eaton is a part owner of 80 acres of mountain ridge in western North Carolina. She envisions cabins scattered through woods and all her friends coming with their children to visit, play and relax. The acres at present are all woods with a few dirt roads. She is very excited to move!

Rufus L. Nye earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas and pursued a 24-year career in city management. He served as City Manager in three cities, including eight years as the City Manager of Salina, Kansas, before accepting his current position as executive director and chief executive officer of Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) in 1987. MMRMA is a public self-insured association of more than 250 municipal entities with a combined population of more than 7 million. Rufus and wife, Anne (Plaia) '61, have four daughters and one grandson.

Judie Rancourt just had her book, *The Illustrated Guidebook to Residential Airports (USA-East)*, published. She thoroughly enjoyed flying from Maine to Florida's Keys taking aerial photos and doing research, meeting wonderful people all along the way. She hopes to be starting on another geographic area soon.

'65 Sue Thelin Rourke represented Washington College at the inauguration of Douglas Bennet at Wesleyan University, October 15, 1995.

'66 Sue Achorn Burgess, Professor of Children's Literature at Framingham State College in Massachusetts, has written both articles and entries for the children's literature single-volume reference, *Children's Books and Their Creators.*

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Having warm and fuzzies about your alma mater? Snuggle up with this 100% cotton afghan in maroon and off-white featuring the historic buildings of Washington College, now only $44.95. We also have a new collection of clothing for spring! We ship any- where. Phone the Bookstore at (410) 778-7749.

Births

To Gunther Barrows '79, a daughter, Lily Carver, on June 27, 1995. She joins her sister, Annie.

To Marian Cooper Molinaro '79 and husband Tom, a daughter, Natalie Shea, on November 14, 1995. Natalie joins her brother, Matthew, 6, and sister, Anna, 4.

To Geoff Garinther, a son, Ben, on June 8, 1995. Ben joins older brothers, Andrew, 6, and Alex, 4.

To Dave '82 and Mary Lou Pointon, a son, Jackson Louis, on June 27, 1995. Jack joins sisters Kelly, 5, and Rachel, 3.

To David Michalski '84 and wife Lauren, a son, Benjamin Clark, on October 26, 1995.

To Kelly Hardesty Phipps '84, a daughter, Caroline Kramer, on August 31, 1994.

To Victor S. DeSantis '86, a daughter, Samantha Rose, on December 22, 1994.

To Tommy '86 and Alden '88 Caldwell-Gaines, a daughter, Elizabeth (Ellie) Lorraine, on August 10, 1995. She joins big brother, Carson.

To Peter '86 and Cassie Hatfield '88 Shafer, a son, Reid Pearson, on May 17, 1995.

To Larry Brandt '87 and wife Molly, a boy, Ryan Alexander, on October 10, 1995.

To Lauren Ebaugh '87 and Chuck Halterman '89, a daughter, Alexandra, on September 29, 1994.

To Christian H. Engle '87 and his wife of six years, Michele, a daughter, Grace Babette Engle, on March 15, 1995.

To Joyce "Jobi" Jones Ferguson '87 and husband Jeffrey, a daughter, Jillian Lee, on May 23, 1994.

To William P. Jones '88, a daughter, Anna Katrina, on October 20, 1995.

To Emily Lott '90 and Paul '88 Miller, a son, Samuel Joseph, on July 7, 1995.

To Doug '92 and Catherine Cole '92 Sarno, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on October 16, 1995.

To Bob Neill, a son, Thomas Stearns, on November 21, 1995. Bob, a former English professor at WC, has been nominated numerous times for the Alumni Association's Great Book of Teachers.,

Nick De Stefano and his wife, Betty (Herrschaft) '66, watched daughter Paula '95 graduate with honors in history from Washington College last spring. Since graduating from WC almost 30 years ago, Nick received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of Delaware in 1970 and then completed three years of post-doctoral work before going to work full time for DuPont. Nick is manager of the operations group at Central Research and Development's Corporate Process Development/Small Lots Manufacturing Group in Deepwater, NJ. Betty, with a degree in Kindergarten/Elementary Education, is currently teaching pre-kindergarten classes in the Glassboro Public Schools System in New Jersey. Nick is serving on his 30th Reunion Committee and Nick and Betty are looking forward to renewing acquaintances with classmates this coming May during Reunion Weekend!

Bill Harrington continues to make his home in Cambridge on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He has offices in Cambridge and St. Michaels where he operates an independent, multi-line insurance agency. He is an avid golfer and tennis player.

Jonathan Segal is VP and Senior Editor at Alfred A. Knopf. He edits such authors as Senator Bill Bradley, Secretary of Labor, Robert B. Reich, Gay Talese, Peter Mayle (author of *A Year in Provence*), Dr. Andrew Weil (author of *Spontaneous Healing*), Elie Wiesel and Jonathan Weiner (who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1995).

Richard H. Smith was named Maryland Chemist of the Year by the state section of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The award is presented annually to a member of the Maryland Section of ACS in recognition for noteworthy achievement in pure or applied chemistry, chemical engineering, or chemical education. Dr. Smith is professor at Western Maryland College and has been a visiting scientist at the National Cancer Institute Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center for the past 15 years.

'68 Jonathan Topodas's son, Michael, graduated with honors from Swarthmore and teaches history at Hampden Roads Academy. His wife, Elaine, will soon receive a master's degree (MLS) from Wesleyan University, with a concentration in dance and movement.

'69 John Flato recently was named Assistant Vice President for the University of Relations at Cigna Corporation. He previously was corporate director of University Relations with Allied-Signal in Morristown, NJ. His new position will be at Cigna's corporate headquarters in Philadelphia, PA, where he will be designing and directing Cigna's corporate University Relations function.

Kristina Hedin Pritchard is enjoying teaching as adjunct faculty member for Catonsville Community College. Her husband, Jim, is program manager at Westinghouse at BWI. Tina has stayed in the Baltimore area since graduating from WC and loves Catonsville. She would love to hear from other alumni in Baltimore!

'71 Bill Ewing began teaching after retiring from the Air Force in 1991. He is Chairman of the Mathematics and Computer Science Departments at Saints Peter and Paul High School in Easton, MD.

'73 Michael Brown and Mary are still flying DC-10s for Northwest Airlines — mostly to Europe and Hawaii. Their kids, Colin, 5, and Kelsey, 4, have started school in San Francisco. Their various family alumni, Peter Brown '69, Elaine Duffy Brown '71, Steve Mires '72 and Carolyn Leonard '80, are all fine.

A. Stephen Park, Sr. writes: " My son, Steve Jr., is a freshman at Washington College and is enjoying it as much as I did. Hopefully he'll be a better student. I don't feel that old!"

Jim Pierne is now working for Farmers & Merchants Bank and Trust in Hagerstown, MD. He is the Executive Vice President of the bank.

'75 Willie and Kathy Acito '74 Ohrenschall moved to "Sunny Vista." They claim, "Not only that, but, we ain't rich yet or famous neither!"

Philip Reppucci reports: "Dary Carrington '73 and Phil Reppucci '75 defeated Larry Kopec '73 and Mike DeSantis '74 in the finals of the WC 'Remember the Dream' golf tournament."

'76 Sydney Johnson Petty is living in Annapolis with her husband Robert and their 4-year-old son, Thomas. She is working part-time for Sissy Blain Will '77 who runs the transcribing office for the Anne Arundel County District Court. She loves listening to the trials and claims that it is like O.J. Simpson every day. She keeps in touch with Dee Dee Grub Copp '77 and Robert Copp '77 and is looking forward to her 20th reunion this May!

'77 Nancy L. Collins was promoted to

the position of Director of Nurses at Eastern Shore Hospital Center in Cambridge, MD.

Keith Twitchell plays #2 singles for a New Orleans 4.5 tennis team that went to this year's USTA league national championships, where they finished fifth in the country. He says, "I owe it all to Coach Finnegan."

'78 Linda Hamilton won Best Actress-Movie or Mini-series for "A Mother's Prayer" — a USA Channel production — at the Cable Ace Awards.

JoAnn Driscoll Jackson is in her second "wonderful" year as a middle school counselor in Baltimore County.

Shelley Sharp reports that she enjoys living in Florida but misses the beauty of sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Her new job has her traveling all over the world — London, Paris, Tokyo, Vancouver. She and husband, Greg, are expecting their first child in April!

Joel Todd is the States Attorney for Worcester County, MD.

'79 Page Weatherley is living in Decatur, GA, with his wife, Marlene Neville. He is a substitute teacher while finishing the certification process for Social Studies and Behavioral Disorders. He sends a hello to Frank Pascal '79.

'80 John Gill Wharton reports: "I witness in awe, as a court reporter, the inspired leadership of the St. Mary's Court Judicial System by Deputy State's Attorney Christy Holt Chesser '82 and trial lawyer Daniel Armitage '86. Thank goodness they weren't my prosecutors before the SJB."

'81 Bart Nathan is in Charlottesville, VA, with six months left in his neurology residency. He plans to stay there for at least two years for a Neuro-Critical Care Fellowship.

Brad Smith is an artist at his home studio in countryside Alabama. His wife, Aurelia Dreyer '78, is back in school pursuing a degree in molecular biology. They will celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary.

'82 Doug Brown and his wife, Joann, recently celebrated the third anniversary of their company. Since 1992, they have expanded from Dallas into Austin, TX, and have purchased another company involved in temporary corporate housing.

Brian Meehan has been an English teacher and department chair at Canterbury School in New Milford, CT, for the past three years. He often recommends WC to students who are interested in a great education at a beautiful, small liberal arts college.

Dave Pointon and his family recently moved to St. Paul, MN, where Dave was promoted to a marketing position with 3M Company. The Pointons got together this summer with the John Lawrence '82, Christian Lemmon '82 and Doug White '83 families for a vacation in Duck, NC.

'83 Rebecca Harris Mitchell represented Washington College at the inauguration of Douglas Mackay North at Alaska Pacific University on September 16, 1995.

'85 David B. Lewis is living in St. Michaels, MD, with his wife and daughter. Their second child is due this April. David is working for First National Bank of Maryland and is president of Kidworks, Inc. — a non-profit organization that funds community service opportunities for youth. He was appointed Governor to the Talbot County Board of Education in July.

'86 Victor S. DeSantis recently took a faculty position in the Department of Political Science at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. He is in the process of starting a new Master's of Public Administration degree for the college.

'87 Patrick and Deborah '88 McMenamin report that they are doing well and are enjoying their 18-month-old, Catelyn. Pat has joined the general practice firm of Mittman & Liebman Associates and Debbie continues to work for Harleysville Life. They send a hello to Lincoln Karnoff '85 and Mark Nasteff '87!

'88 Joanna Wilson Austin recently accepted a job as a staff writer/photographer for the *Dover Post* newspaper in Dover, DE.

Todd Emmons started a new business called Dovetail Restoration, LLC which deals in furniture restoration and repair.

Harold Spangler is currently the chief resident in the Department of Emergency Medicine at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University. He is in his final year of residency in emergency medicine and will graduate in June of 1996. He is hunting for a real job in the "real world." If you want to get in touch with him, his e-mail address is spangler@isnet.is.wfu.edu .

Lillie Turgut has returned to the Annapolis area after living in London for four years. She works at Alexander Aponte & Marks LLP in Silver Spring. She was a bridesmaid at Wendy Kloiber '90 and Mark Frederick's '90 wedding and will be the maid of honor at Kim Scheideman's '90 upcoming wedding.

'89 Raymond "Crowe" Scott reports that after four years as an Assistant Chief Flight Instructor in Cocoa Beach, FL, and recovery from a back-breaking motorcycle accident, he earned his Airline Transport Certificate last spring. During the summer he was hired to fly for United Express Airlines as First Officer on their new fleet of EMB-120 Brasilia Aircraft. Ray was selected and may fly for a new feeder airline started by a parent company, "Midway Connection," for the growing Midway Airlines based in Raleigh-Durham, NC. "My BA in Business Management, lessons on the lacrosse field, and experience as a flight instructor have put me in a prime position for early upgrade to Captain. I credit Washington College for developing much of the decision-making abilities I use in life and everyday career responsibilities. Being out of touch, I would like to say hi to R. Garhardt '89, L. Goldstein '35 and all the 'Killer B's' for whom I played in lax."

'90 Sarah Woodson Clark is now Staff Development Coordinator for Chestertown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Victoria Carroll Gravini moved to Alexandria, VA, after her marriage to Stephen Gravini last August. She is continuing her Master's in English Linguistics with a certificate to teach English as a second language. She is lifeguarding part-time for the Skyline Clubs in Crystal City and is writing children's stories.

Bill Kerbin is working with the City of Pocomoke, MD, as Sector 8 Coordinator and Project Coordinator.

Michele Volansky, who has worked at The Actor's Theater of Louisville and is currently the resident dramaturg with the Steppenwolf Theater Company in Chicago, gave a talk at Washington College in early December about her career in professional theater and on the life and work of a dramaturg.

'91 Jim Blount is working at the White House Office of Management and Budget. He is a Confidential Assistant to the Director of the Health and Personnel Division.

H. Brooks Durkee is still riding steeplechase horses from Monkton, MD. After riding several years as an amateur, he turned pro for the 1995 season and finished fifth in the standings with eleven winners and 20 second place finishes.

Robyn Jayne Moore is a CPA for Randall Cooper & Company CPAs. Her son, Taylor, turned one in September.

Marriages

Bill Hallam '76 to Catherine Damasio on October 8, 1995. The couple honeymooned in Guadeloupe.

Harold Norton '78 to Kathryn Ann Kunkel on September 9, 1995 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Havre de Grace, MD. After honeymooning in New Orleans and Navarre Beach, FL they returned to Havre de Grace where they are renovating their turn of the century home.

Emil A. Sueck, Jr. '79 to Shauna R. Pinhey on July 29, 1995. They are residing in Monkton, MD, where he operates his catering business, "Panache Fine Catering."

Carol Pursell '85 to Moustafa Ibrahim on October 15, 1995 in an Islamic ceremony in Alexandria, Egypt. The couple had been wed earlier in a civil service in the U.S.

Victoria Carrol '90 to Stephen Gravini on August 27, 1995.

Helen MacMahon '89 to Mark "Mugsy" Mickum '91 on September 30, 1995. WC attendees included: Jim Blount '92, Talbott Bryan, E.B. Harris '89, David Hilliard '87, Peter Hitchen '94, Matt Kelly '89, Bob Krumme '89, Catharine McGuire Lombardo '89, Susan '89 and Billy '88 Long, Richard MacKnight '89, Sheaffer Reese '87, Lindsay Tanton '88, Flicker Reese '92, Chris Smith '89, Christina von Schilling '89, Susie '90 and Hanse '84 Wittich and Heather Skidmore '92.

Alison Shorter '87 to Richard Lawrence on October 7, 1995. Cora Shorter McVey '88 was the Matron of Honor and Kris Kommolan '88 also attended.

Todd Emmons '88 to Keli Philan on April 9, 1994.

Eugenia Auchincloss '89, M'95 to Arthur M. Wright on July 15, 1995.

Lauren Cassady '89 to Thomas R. Hurley on April 29, 1995. They are residing in Galena, MD, with their mastiff, Chaucer, who sat at the bride's feet during the whole wedding ceremony (it was held outdoors!).

Karen Reisinger '90 to H.P. Ketterman on October 7, 1995.

Sharon Leslie Bonner '92 to Sam Nicolary '91 on May 28, 1995 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Baltimore, MD. Honor attendants included Carl Atwell '92 (Best Man), Brian Gimelson '92 and Kimberly Coburn '92. Christian Kubick '94 also attended.

Pamela Feeney '92 to Michael Huffman on May 20, 1995. WC alumni in attendance were Justine DeSantis '92 (bridesmaid), Cyndi Bucci '92, Joan Koo '92 and Vanessa Post '92.

Vanessa Post '92 to Daniel Simms on October 21, 1995. Cathy Lease '92 was Maid of Honor and Stephanie Hess '92 was a bridesmaid. Other alumni in attendance were John '90 and Alix '91 Rickloff, Matt Woolston '91, Philip Macek '91, Wendy Kerr '91 and Pam Feeney Huffman '92. Drs. George Shivers and Jeannette Sherbondy also attended.

Rachel Carter '93 to Steve Goss '89 on October 7, 1995 at St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, MD.

Tracy Peel '92 to Craig Coutts on November 4, 1995 at the Beach Hotel in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Rachael Rice '92 and Dave Snyder '92 attended the wedding. After the wedding, Tracy, Craig, Dave and Rachael spent a week traveling in Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Susan Daisley '94 to Kevin Doyle '92 on October 28, 1995. Honor attendants included Julie Lippke '94 (Maid of Honor), Terry Reynolds '88 (Best Man), David Cromwell '91, Margaret Doyle '92, Angella Georghiou '94, Ashley Holladay '93, Brian Kelleher '88, Steve Klein '91, Dana Thurston '93 and Kate Towery '94. Also attending were: Jaime Carver '95, Ron Counsel '91, Mike Greig '89, Geoff Hall '91, Mike Johnson '92, Chris Jones '94, Ben Lamanna '93, Greg Lawler '94, Emily '90 and Paul '88 Miller, Dan Pratt '91, Lisa Pruett '93, David Ratta '94, Mike Ratta '94, Jason Scarborough '92, Kristy Schiminger '91, David Slomkowski '92, Danny Walsh '88, Stu Warner '94, Jim Townshend and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Smith.

Jennifer L. Ruppert '93 to James D. Winters in Severna Park, MD, on June 3, 1995. WC graduates and students attending were Matron of Honor Suzanne Gray '87, Groomsmen Tim Gray '87, Mariah Geisler '96, Elizabeth Likens '96, Amanda Kirby '96, and Kerri Haskins '96.

Christopher Sanchez '94 and Kelly Doherty '93 were married on July 21, 1995 in Wilmington, DE. Members of the wedding party from WC were: Bethany Wilson '93, Lizzy O'Hara '93, Christy Albright Nobel '93, Laura Hammond '93, Melissa Harmeyer '93, Andrew Manos '94, Rory Conway '94, Ted Greeley '93, Dave Taibl '93, and Ryan Mahoney '94. Attending the wedding from WC were: Belinda McLeod '93, Kara Weisenbaugh '93, Heather Mayr '93, Sonya Church '93, Courtney Grady '93, Liz Olivere '94, Magdelena Fuchs '94, Brian Flynn '94, Chris Cote '94, Kevin Quinn '91, Johnny Knorr '93, Rob Nobel '90, Gibby Semmes '94, Hardy James '90, and Graham Munda '96.

Jeff Vail recently presented a paper entitled "Moore's Biography of Byron: Strategy, Perception, Influence" at the 21st International Byron Symposium in Salzburg, Austria. Jeff received a master's degree in English from the University of Delaware in 1993 and is currently on fellowship at the University of Delaware where he is also completing his doctoral thesis. Claire Capuzzi '91 accompanied Jeff to Austria. They were in Europe for two weeks and traveled to Venice, Vienna, and other areas of Germany, Austria and Italy.

'92 Pamela Feeney Huffman works as an art director for United Communications Group, a multimedia publisher.

Todd Kagler recently was named Customer Service Manager at Birdagraphics, Inc. He resides at his farm, Four Ponds, in Phoenix, MD, with his wife, Victoria, and children, Heather and Michael.

Kevin "Sparky" Kelly has left the employ of Senator Barbara A. Mikulski to become vice president of Van Scoyoc Associates, a Washington lobbying firm.

Joan Koo is a client service associate in the Global Business Unit of Alexander & Alexander Inc. in New York City.

'93 Sara Boggess graduated with her Master's in Social Work in May 1995 from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She is working at the Alzheimer's Association, Baltimore/Central Maryland Chapter in Timonium. Sara is living with Brigid DeVries '93 and Jen Sloan '93. Sara also sends a hello to her sisters of Alpha Chi Omega.

Elizabeth Carone is engaged to Tim Peters '95. Liz is living in New York and is teaching kindergarten at Friends Academy. She also is working towards her Master's in Education at The Bank Street College of Education. Tim is working for the C.I.I. Group, a multinational finance service company in New York City.

Jennifer B. Fellows is working for Smith Barney in Washington, DC, and is studying for her Series 7 to become a Registered Representative (Stock Broker). She is also looking forward to becoming an aerobics instructor in the DC area for Sport & Health Fitness Centers.

Jennifer Sloan reports: "After graduating with my Master's in Political Science from The American University in May 1995, I am now the Social Studies Department Chair at Towson Catholic High School. I enjoy my work and love living in Baltimore City with two of my college chums — Brigid DeVries '93 and Sara Boggess '93."

Dave Taibl was engaged to Lori Voerman in November. A fall wedding date is planned. The couple hope to set the date to coincide with Ted Greeley's '93 availability from the United States Marine Corps.

Cindy Young recently spent a year working as a VISTA volunteer for an adult literacy program in Baltimore, MD. Now she is back home in Massachusetts, enjoying New England, working on her novel, and searching for a job. She is also actively involved in an effort to preserve open space and environmental habitat in her hometown.

'94 Ramsey Bigham is working in a level 5 school for severely emotionally disturbed children as an assistant therapeutic teacher. She began a master's program this fall in Early Childhood Special Education at Johns Hopkins University. Best wishes to Target Tutoring!

Kathryn Mullan is finishing her master's in English literature at Villanova University. Upon defending her thesis, she hopes to continue on her doctorate at a different institution. She spent last summer in Dublin studying Irish literature and politics.

(l-r) Bruce Jaeger '66, Wistie Wurtz '94, Dutch Siersema '92, Nancy Fahrenkopf Whitely '79, Susan Stobbart '91, Jennifer Sponseller '92 and Laura Case Plantin '75 were a few of the many WC alumni who reunited for happy hour in Annapolis.

Jonathan Rogers , who recently visited Kevin Lawner in San Francisco, writes, "It was too bad that we did not get a chance to meet up with Brian Matheson. Kevin says that he misses everyone at WC and hopes to see his friends soon."

Stephany Lynn Slaughter has been braving metro bombings and strikes during her year as a lecturer at the University of Paris.

Stuart Warner is still working as a salesman for Power Brake and Spring in South Bend. He hopes to return for graduation this year.

'95 Paul Briggs is a free lance writer. His article, "Women's Work, CCC Dean Takes Part in Historic Conference in China" appeared in the *Cecil Whig* last September.

Alicia A. Carberry is working as a Sales/Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Legend/Kingstone Floor Covering, Inc., an import manufacturing flooring company in Bethesda, MD.

Suzanne E. Fischer moved in with a friend from high school in the Baltimore area. Last November, she began working as an administrator for Snelling Laboratory and Technical Service in Timonium. She stays in touch with her Washington College friends and wishes the best to all of her sisters in Alpha Omicron Pi.

Kelley T. Loftus, who transferred out of Washington College in 1991, graduated from R.I.T. in May. She is working as a project coordinator for Upstate Lab Environmental Division in Syracuse, NY.

Jennifer Reddish went to the Bucknell Younger Poets Seminar program this past spring, and Australia on an internship this summer, and is doing graduate work at the University of Chicago on a full fellowship.

Masters

'76 Jane Mitchell was presented the Achievement Award in September at the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc., Delaware Chapter for serving as a leading advocate for seniors in providing superb professional care in a long-term medical care center.

Marlene Tribbitt was recognized as "Teacher of the Year" by the staff at her school, Robert S. Gallaher Elementary.

'77 Jean Burrier Reinhold serves on Queen Anne's County Board of Social Services, is on the Maryland 4-H All Stars Executive Committee and loves her job at the Benedictine School.

'80 Valerie Restifo has been self-employed for the past three years as a healthcare consultant providing assistance to other professionals in the areas of education and career planning. Her work is based in Annapolis, MD.

'82 Stephen Radis just completed his Ph.D. in Human Development at the University of Maryland, College Park.

'84 Sandra Cochran Holler has been a teacher at the Calvert Career Center in Prince Frederick, MD, for the past five years. She teaches juniors and seniors job readiness skills — resume and job application skills, cover letter and interview skills. She is also a transition teacher for special education students.

J. Edward Tatnall is Director of Studies and teaches Senior English Literature at West Nottingham Academy in Colora, MD. He is still singing with the WC Community Concert Chorus.

'85 Eric Ilhyung Lee reports that after getting his degree from Washington College in 1985 he attended law school and has been working as a lawyer since, first in New York City until this year, and now in Seoul, Korea. He expects to be in Seoul for at least two years.

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80-80	7.5%	$750	$443	$4,367

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'92 Sherelee Davies is teaching English in the Fort Worth, TX, area.

'93 Patricia Allen moved to Trappe, MD, and is looking for "that elusive social studies teaching position." She is spending time with her children, taking computer courses and traveling West.

Caroline "Lazy" Frazer hopes to pursue a career as a forensic psychologist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Jude M. Pfister and his wife are slowly exploring the Hudson Valley as time permits.

'94 Jacklin Wheeler transferred from Easton Elementary to Easton High School where she is now teaching History of Art and Studio Art. She has been teaching art classes at the Academy of the Arts for over a year and just stepped down as the Art Coordinator for Talbot County Schools.

In Memoriam

Eugene "Jake" Hopkins '28 of Cumberland, MD, died October 28, 1995 at the age of 90. He began a teaching career at the Greene Street School in Cumberland, and retired as a coach and teacher from Allegheny High School. He also served as pupil personnel officer for the Board of Education. Hopkins was a member of the Centre Street United Methodist Church, the Cumberland Coin Club and the Retired Teachers Association. He is survived by his wife, Alice.

Elizabeth A. Maguire '40 died in Wilmington, DE on September 13, 1995.

David G. Roth '61, a prominent U.S. ethnic relations activist and the founding director of the American Jewish Committee's (AJC's) Project Ukraine, died in Chicago, IL, on July 29, 1995, of complications from heart surgery. He was 55. As director of the AJC's Institute on American Pluralism, he organized multiethnic, multiracial coalitions on education, human rights and immigration issues, pioneering an approach to ethnic and minority cultures that came to be known as multiculturalism. Ukrainian-American community leader Myron Kuropas said Mr. Roth's groundwork prompted then-President Gerald Ford to create a White House position of special assistant for ethnic affairs. Japanese-American community leader Ross Harano credited him with putting together an alliance that pressured the federal government to provide redress and compensation for American citizens of Japanese descent who were sent to internment camps during World War II. In Chicago, as organizer of the Illinois Ethnic Coalition, he built key support for a state law banning hate crimes. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and a daughter, Abbie.

Ruth Elaine Parry '74 passed away on July 2, 1995.

F. Markoe Dugan Jr. '80 died last March in a plane crash near Camp Pendleton, CA. He died on a medical mission to Mexico sponsored by LIGA International, known as Flying Doctors of Mercy. He is survived by wife, Melissa, and three young children. Ric Bryant '80, a very close friend of Mark, has set up the F. M. Dugan, Jr. Family Education Trust Fund to help Mark's family. Those who would like to support this fund please contact Ric at 800-638-2596, ext. 4411.

Nancy Sanders Schwartz '80 was killed in a one-car accident in New Mexico on November 24, 1995. Recently divorced, Nancy had just become the owner of "The Flower Garden," a flower shop in Santa Fe. She is survived by her mother, a sister, and three children - Jordan, 13, Rachel, 11 and Elliott, 3.

L. Kenly Jenkins H'87 died in his home in Rock Hall, MD, on November 12, 1995. He was made an honorary alumnus of Washington College in 1987 for his support to the WC lacrosse program. Jenkins retired in 1982 as chief right-of-way engineer for the State Highway Administration's northern Eastern Shore district. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, son, Brian, and two grandchildren.

Ernest L. Boyer, H'92, former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, died of cancer at his home in Princeton, NJ, on December 8, 1995. He was 68. Boyer had been chancellor of the State University of New York and a federal commissioner of education in the Carter administration. He most recently served as chairman of the National Commission on Educating Undergraduates in the Research University, established by SUNY Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny. Washington College awarded Boyer an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 1992.

CURRENTS

How I Met My Husband On The Internet

as told to Krissie Callahan '96
by Jeanine Bilderback Pugh '94

With technology advancing the way it is today, you can attain anything over the Internet: libraries of information, credit card orders of music, food, medical advice and yes, even a husband. More than just one or two people's eyes have bulged when I told them I met my husband over the computer, but I did, and it was sheer destiny that led me to him.

When I was a junior at Washington College, I was a frequent user of a bulletin board system run from the University of Iowa known by most users as ISCA. There are many interesting rooms and forums, but most people spend their time chatting with others, and after almost a year and a half of use, I had made many computer friends over ISCA.

Early in the second semester of that year, my mother came to visit. She had heard me mention ISCA, and wanted to see what I had been talking about. I logged on to the bulletin board under my handle, "Foxy Blonde." From more than 600 names, I chose to write to "Rugger," a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, just to show my mom how it worked. He wrote back, and we had a short conversation before I signed off. Later, I logged back on, and "Rugger" just happened to be online at the same time. We talked for a long time, and after that, the conversations kept building, eventually turning to phone conversations.

Finally, on my 21st birthday, I agreed to meet my computer friend, Richard Pugh, in person. We met in Annapolis for a drink, and I knew instantly that this was someone special. He is smart, he has a wonderful sense of humor, and he's gorgeous! On the way home in the car, I half-jokingly sang to a friend: "Goin' to the chapel and I'm gonna get married," the famous lyrics from "Chapel of Love." Little did I realize that less than a year later, I would be making wedding arrangements for that chapel.

Our visits continued, and the rest, as they say, is history. In February of my senior year, Rich, one of his friends, and one of my friends plotted together for the big question. On what I thought was just another visit to Annapolis, we returned to the same bar where we had met, and sat at the same table. Rich produced a rose. Among the petals there was hidden a beautiful engagement ring. Before I knew it, I was the fianceé of Mr. Richard Pugh.

On June 3, 1995, less than one week after Rich's graduation from the United States Naval Academy, I became his bride. The wedding was a beautiful ceremony and the happiest day of my life. So, on this Valentine's Day, if you're searching for love, you might just try searching the Net.

Jeanine and Rich Pugh recently moved from Annapolis and are living with their two ferrets, Elmo and Daisy, in Pensacola, Florida, where Rich is attending flight school. Jeanine, a psychology major, is looking for a job working with children.

College Events

February 28

WC Lacrosse vs. Navy, 7:30 p.m. Annapolis Alumni Chapter pre-game Happy Hour at McGarvey's Saloon, Dock Street, downtown Annapolis at 5:30 p.m. For more information call the Alumni Office.

March 1

Tracey Thompson, author of *The Beast - Reckoning with Depression*, Casey Academic Forum, 7 p.m.

Leave It To Jane, musical production of drama, music and dance departments, Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

March 5

A Piano Recital featuring Jeanette Micklem. Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

March 6

A Flamenco Performance, Norman James Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

March 17

WC Lacrosse vs. Denison at McDonogh School, Baltimore, game at 11 a.m. Alumni post-LAX reception. For more information call the Alumni Office

March 20

National Capital Area Alumni Chapter Happy Hour at Pizzeria Uno & Bar, 3501 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Washington College Concert Series, David Burgess, guitar. Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

April 2

The Annual Guy F. Goodfellow Lecture: "From Empirical Practice to Empirical Knowledge: Power, Patronage and the Authorship of ARS in Early Modern Europe," by Professor Pamela O. Long, Johns Hopkins University. Sophie Kerr Room, 7:30 p.m.

April 5

Washington College Community Chorus Concert, Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 8 p.m.

April 14

Early Music Consort Recital, Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

April 17

National Capital Area Alumni Chapter Happy Hour at Pizzeria Uno & Bar, 3501 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

April 19-20

Meeting of Board of Visitors and Governors

April 20

Casey Time 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Alumni Council meeting

April 21

Caspersen Cup Crew Races. Baltimore WC Alumni vs. Hopkins Alumni races

April 23

The WC Jazz Band in concert, Norman James Theatre, 4 pm.

Washington College Concert Series, Penelope Crawford, fortepiano. Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

May 15

National Capital Area Alumni Chapter Happy Hour at Pizzeria Uno & Bar, 3501 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

May 17-19

Reunion. A full schedule of reunion activities will be mailed to alumni mid-March

May 19

214th Commencement 10:30 a.m. Campus Lawn.

If you would like to receive the Monthly Calendar of Events, please contact the Special Events Coordinator at 1-800-422-1782 ext. 7949. The Calendar is also accessible on Washington College's Web Page at <http://www.washcoll.edu>.

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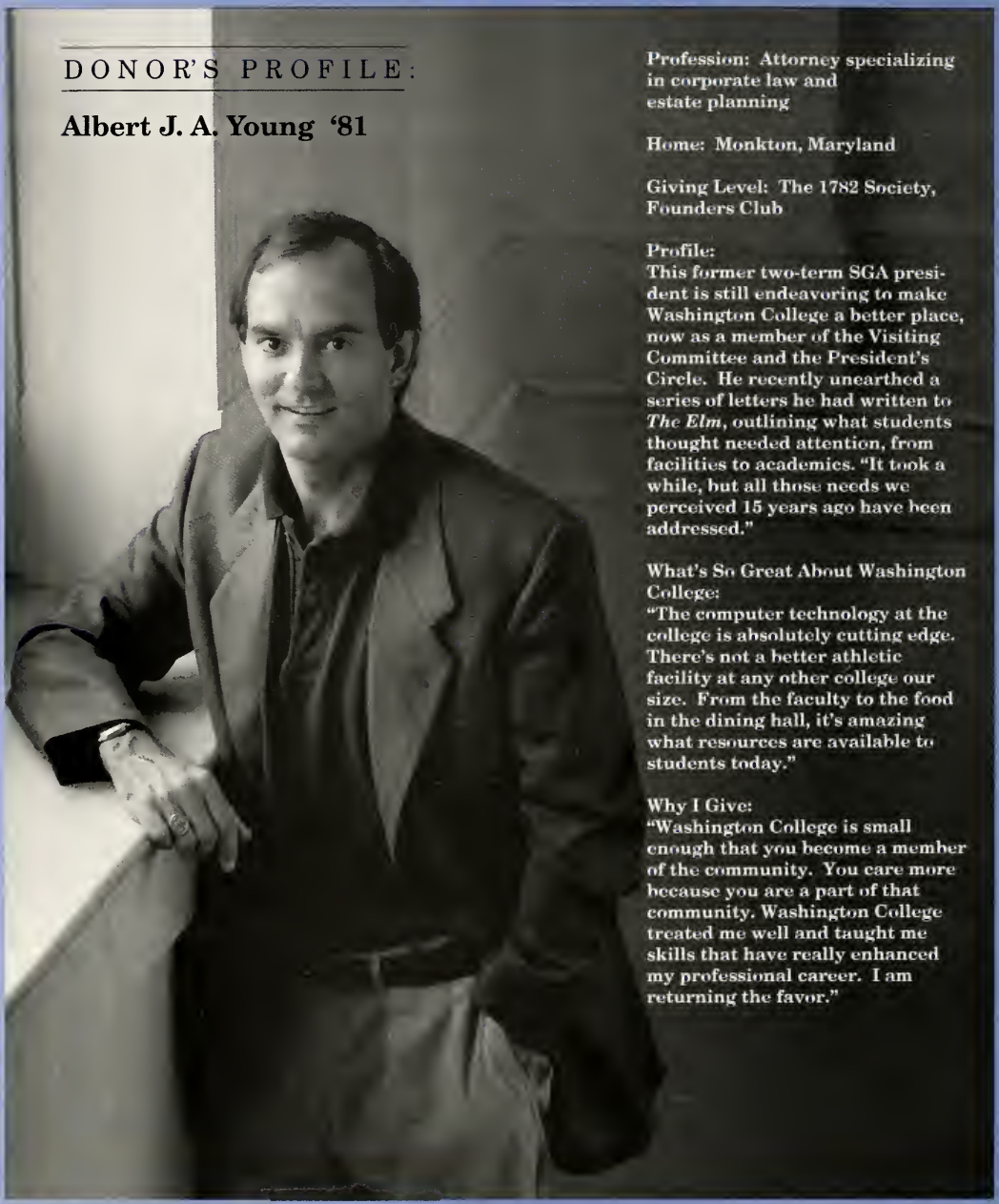

Profession: Attorney specializing in corporate law and estate planning

Home: Monkton, Maryland

Giving Level: The 1782 Society, Founders Club

Profile:
This former two-term SGA president is still endeavoring to make Washington College a better place, now as a member of the Visiting Committee and the President's Circle. He recently unearthed a series of letters he had written to *The Elm*, outlining what students thought needed attention, from facilities to academics. "It took a while, but all those needs we perceived 15 years ago have been addressed."

What's So Great About Washington College:
"The computer technology at the college is absolutely cutting edge. There's not a better athletic facility at any other college our size. From the faculty to the food in the dining hall, it's amazing what resources are available to students today."

Why I Give:
"Washington College is small enough that you become a member of the community. You care more because you are a part of that community. Washington College treated me well and taught me skills that have really enhanced my professional career. I am returning the favor."

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